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## 'Our true beacons of hope and valor'

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At exactly the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month, CNMI and military officials, dignitaries, veterans, active service members, family members, and others came together at the Court of Honor of the American Memorial Park yesterday for a solemn but heartfelt Veterans Day ceremony.

Recalling Eloy S. Inos' words to describe those who fought and died for the islands 70 years ago during World War II, Lt. Gov. Jude Hofschneider said they are what we call now our "true beacons of hope and valor."

In his speech, Hofschneider told the audience that veterans were also honored exactly in the same area just this June, when a visiting cruise ship on its way to Iwo Jima made a brief stop on Saipan.

"Last June, we as a community welcomed to our islands these individuals, weathered by the onset of age, who were making a return trip to a remote place they first visited 70 years ago,

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JAYSON CAMACHO

Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider and keynote speaker Brig. Gen. John E. Cardwell, front row, second from right, are joined by government officials and dignitaries in laying the wreath to honor past and present veterans at the American Memorial Park yesterday as part of the Veterans Day ceremony.

## Autopsy results out on 2 slain farmers

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The autopsy conducted on the two slain Chinese farmers showed that one of the victims had a skull fracture while the other died due to several wounds on his neck.

In a news briefing yesterday, Department of Public Safety commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero also disclosed that

they have a person of interest who has been cooperating with investigators and that three recent double homicides involving Chinese nationals are now being treated as a single investigation.

Guam chief medical examiner Dr. Aurelio Espinola did the autopsy on Hai Ren Li, 51, and Cheng You Li, 47, at the Commonwealth Health Center's morgue on Saturday morning.

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## 10-year visas OK'd for Chinese tourists

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President Barack Obama announced yesterday that the U.S. and China has struck a deal on a reciprocal visa validity arrangement that extends visas for Chinese visitors to the United States for up to 10 years and vice versa for American tourists visiting China.

Acting press secretary Ivan A. Blanco said this latest development would hopefully benefit

the CNMI's burgeoning tourism industry, which counts China as one of its primary markets.

"This level of support from the White House bodes well for the CNMI considering our close proximity to Asian countries like China. We welcome this news," Blanco said.

Tourists from China now comprise the largest group of visitors to the Commonwealth, growing from just over 112,000 in 2013 to over 157,000 this year, according to Marianas

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# Local

## Ogumoro's, Kosam's motion to dismiss charges denied

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Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman has denied the motion of former Department of Public Safety deputy commissioner Ambrosio T. Ogumoro and former Commonwealth Ports Authority chief Jordan Kosam to dismiss the criminal charges against them.

In an eight-page order on Friday, Wiseman ruled that Ogumoro and Kosam patently ignore the crucial fact that the court exercised its inherent authority to appoint a special prosecutor to handle this particular case, and as such, each and every ground the two cited for dismissal is without legal or factual merit.

Wiseman found their arguments meritless, incredulous, and nearly sanctionable.

The judge denied any related argument based upon the Office of the Public Auditor's supposed invalid authority to prosecute the case.

"The court will further investigate whether the arguments contained within the instant motion are subject to Rule 11 sanctions," he said.

On Aug. 17, 2012, Wiseman appointed OPA legal counsel George L. Hasselback as special prosecutor and charged him with the investigation and prosecution of matters or persons that are connected or relevant to the charges filed against former attorney general Edward T.

Buckingham.

On March 20, 2013, Hasselback filed an information charging Ogumoro with 15 different counts of criminal violations relating to misconduct in public office.

On Sept. 29, 2014, Ogumoro filed the motion to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction.

Attorney Edward Arriola Sr., counsel for Ogumoro, argued that OPA lacks constitutional and legislative authorities to prosecute the defendant, that the Office of the Attorney General has no authority to delegate his prosecutorial powers to the OPA or personnel within the agency, and that an executive order will not cure the violation of the separation of powers.

In the government's opposition to the motion, Hasselback claimed that the court should "deny the motion in its entirety as the arguments...are based upon a complete misunderstanding of the salient facts surrounding the prosecution of this case."

During the hearing of the motion last Oct. 22, attorney Joaquin Torres, counsel for co-defendant Kosam, joined in Ogumoro's motion to dismiss.

In his order denying the motion, Wiseman cautioned Tor-

res to exercise due diligence and first review its merits, if any, before making such future requests, as the court finds no merit in the motion.

Wiseman clarified that the court's Aug. 17, 2012 order—which purported to delegate prosecutorial authority to counsel for the OPA pursuant to the court's inherent authority to appoint a special prosecutor—is not the subject of Ogumoro's challenge.

Wiseman said the court would not entertain such an argument,

which was not made in neither Ogumoro's written filings nor during the hearing.

Wiseman said the Commonwealth plainly, simply, and correctly argues that OPA was, in fact, designated as a special prosecutor by the court, which conferred absolute prosecutorial authority upon the OPA to prosecute this case.

Wiseman refused to acknowledge and dismissed as irrelevant the defendant's reliance upon

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## CNMI leaders salute soldiers on Veterans Day

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While most of the public drove to the Veterans Cemetery in Marpi or the American Memorial Park's Court of Honor yesterday, CNMI local and federal leaders also honored current soldiers and those who previously served in the military with their words as the islands commemorated Veterans Day yesterday.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said that sol-

diers are always called on to pay the ultimate sacrifice.

"In Veterans Day, we remember those who served, those who fought, those still missing, and those who gave their last full measure of devotion for our country and for our freedom. I am sorry that I missed joining our veterans and officials in [yesterday's] Veterans Day ceremony at American Memorial Park."

Sablan said this was the first year he couldn't be at the event because he had to fly back to Washington, D.C. before the ceremony to join his colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives for the return of session tomorrow, Nov. 12.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider, for their part, said it always takes a special kind of person to join the military and defend the country's freedom.

"It takes a special kind of person to put on a uniform, and do what the rest of us can't. To go to places foreign to them, and defend our way of life and help those who need most our help. It takes a special person to risk their safety so that ours can be

ensured. And it takes a special kind of person to, in the most extreme situations; lay down their lives so that our lives can go on in freedom and security."

Senate President Ralph DLG. Torres (R-Saipan) also thanked the families of these military personnel who let go of their loved one to protect America's basic liberties.

"I would like to thank the men and women especially the family members of our armed services. I would like to thank them for their patience and continued support of their loved ones serving the U.S. military. I also want to thank those who have lost loved ones. We have lost our soldiers. I would like to pray and thank them for everything they've given us—our freedom."

Veterans Day is a federal holiday that is observed on Nov. 11. It is an official U.S. holiday that honors people who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, also known as veterans. Veterans Day coincides with other holidays such as Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, which are celebrated in other parts of the world.



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## IT camp challenges opponent to stick to clean campaign

"As Chairman of the Committee to Elect Inos and Torres, I am deeply saddened to hear that despite statements made by our opponents just seven days ago, the negative personal attacks have started," said committee chair Greg Camacho.

"This type of behavior is most unfortunate and I am hopeful that our opponents would stand by their emphatic statement that this campaign should be based on the issues, not on slanderous

accusations and personal attacks on individuals."

"Gov. Inos and Sen. Torres are proud to stand by their record over the last 20 months and are spending the next two weeks talking about the accomplishments they have already achieved."

"Every day retirees are coming up to thank the governor and Sen. Ralph for saving the Retirement Fund from bankruptcy, thus securing their pensions for the long term as well as restoring their

pension to 100 percent."

"Every day business owners are calling Gov. Inos and Sen. Ralph and thanking them for creating an environment and instituting policies that have allowed them to expand and grow for the long term."

"Every day residents are shaking the hands of Gov. Inos and Sen. Torres for the [Capital Improvement Projects] that have lit their streets, maintained 24-hour water service, paved the roads they use to get to and from work, and beautified our islands."

Chairman Camacho summarized: "All of these accomplishments and many more are responsible for our economy improving and the wellbeing of our community much improved. The projects in particular will survive generations and a government overseen by Gov. Inos and Sen. Ralph will result in a lasting legacy for our people."

"We humbly ask our opponents to stand by their previously stated commitment on the KSPN election night coverage to run a clean campaign as we have instructed our supporters to do the same." (PR)

## JUDGE

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Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo's decision in the criminal case against former Aging Division director Rose Mondala.

In Mondala's case, Govendo dismissed the case, citing a violation of the separation of powers doctrine and finding that "the AG has no authority to delegate his prosecutorial powers to OPA or personnel within the OPA."

Wiseman recognized that the Mondala case has absolutely no bearing on the outcome of Ogomoro's case—"as the two are polar opposites factually—and defendant's conflicting arguments remain irreconcilable."

In the Mondala case, Wiseman said the AG purported to assign or delegate prosecutorial authority to OPA, which the court said flies in the face of the AG's exclusive authority to prosecute instances of criminal violations within the CNMI.

In Ogomoro's case, Wiseman said the court again stressed that it exercised its inherent authority to delegate a special prosecutor to prosecute a criminal case, and appointed the OPA to represent the Commonwealth.

Wiseman said Ogomoro's arguments fundamentally ignore

obvious and readily apparent facts, of which he knew or should have known, in order to bolster arguments that are irrelevant, inapposite, and groundless.

He cautioned Ogomoro to refrain from filing frivolous or completely groundless motions, regardless of whether his lawyer claims he was unaware of essential facts that effectively render his entire motion moot.

OPA charged Ogomoro with 15 criminal charges for his role in, among other things, shielding then-AG Buckingham from being served with penal summons in August 2012.

Aside from Ogomoro and Kosam, OPA also filed criminal charges against former CPA police captain John T. Rebuénog, former governor Benigno Fitial and Fitial's former personal driver and bodyguard, Jermaine Joseph W. Nekaifes, for their participation in shielding Buckingham from being served with penal summons.

Govendo dismissed the case against Nekaifes at Hasselback's request.

Last Feb. 19, Govendo found Buckingham guilty of all public corruption charges except one and sentenced him to 3.5 years in prison, all suspended. Govendo recused from presiding over the cases against the remaining defendants.

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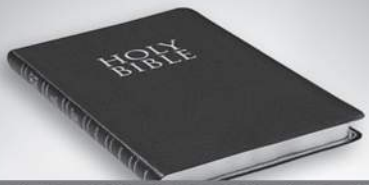
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# GOP labels as 'outrageous' accusations on utility vouchers

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The NMI Republican Party has

described as "outrageous" the allegations claimed by the camp of Heinz Hofschneider and Ray Yumul regarding the release of

\$10 million in utility vouchers. "It is extremely unfortunate that our opponents have resorted to attacking on an issue that

is patently outrageous," said GOP media & public relations chair Ivan A. Blanco in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

Blanco was referring to a media release by the independent bets that accuses Gov. Eloy S. Inos and his running mate, Ralph DLG. Torres (R-Saipan), of timing the release of utility vouchers from Best Sunshine International Ltd. to benefit the GOP campaign for the Nov. 4 elections as well as the Nov. 21 runoff elections for governor.

"As our opponent's running mate, who served in the Legislature during the discussions of the legislation is fully aware, Best Sunshine, as a private company, offered the utility vouchers to the people on their own initiative as part of their Community Benefit Fund. As our opponent's running mate is even more aware, the executive office was not involved in the discussions with private companies, it was the Legislature. As our opponent is also aware, some of their closest advisors also serve as advisors to the private company. The governor found out through the media about Best Sunshine's offer to the public as well as the date of the release of those funds," added Blanco in

the email to *Saipan Tribune*.

The member of the Legislature Blanco is alluding to is former Senate floor leader Yumul. Hofschneider himself is not alien to Capital Hill, having been a former House speaker himself.

"The governor would recommend that our opponents discuss the issue with each other as our opponent's running mate voted 'present' during all discussions on the legislation, and we would argue that he has a better knowledge of the workings of the private company than we do. The governor does find it interesting that at no point during the discussions of the donation to CUC a few months ago in the Legislature did our opponent raise this as an issue."

Blanco also appealed to Hofschneider and Yumul to stick to the issue and not resort to dirty political tactics.

"Again the governor would respectfully ask that his opponent would stick by their statement made on KSPN seven days ago that he wants a clean campaign on the issues."

## VISAS

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Visitors Authority data.

Chinese visitors formed 36 percent of total visitor arrivals in the 2014 fiscal year, which is a 40-percent increase compared to the same period in 2013.

A media release from the U.S. Department of Commerce said the deal extends the validity of short-term tourist and business visas issued to Chinese citizens traveling to the United States from one to 10 years—the longest validity possible under U.S. law. It also increases the validity of student and exchange visas from one to five years. The deal also applies to Americans traveling to China.

"Tourism is America's largest services export and growth in international visitors has created roughly 260,000 American jobs over the past five years. ... This is smart reform that will boost our economy and create jobs," said U.S. Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker.

The U.S. will begin issuing

visas in accordance with the new reciprocal agreement on Nov. 12, 2014.

The National Office for Travel and Tourism at the Department of Commerce was integral in helping push for this change, which will improve trade, investment, and business ties by facilitating travel and offering easier access to both economies.

"Prior to this agreement, Chinese citizens had to renew their American business, tourist, and student visas annually and the same applied to American travelers visiting China. With the help of this change, up to 7.3 million Chinese visitors—more than any other country except Canada and Mexico—are projected to visit the United States in 2021, contributing roughly \$85 billion per year to our economy and supporting 440,000 American jobs. That is four times as many travelers supporting four times as many American jobs as compared to last year," said Pritzker.

Extended validity visas for students and exchange visi-

tors are expected to boost the bonds between American and Chinese people and facilitate travel for outstanding students from around the world who attend U.S. institutions of higher education.

Travelers will continue to be subject to all the same legal and security reviews that currently apply to visa applicants.

"We have worked with many American business leaders who told us how valuable this change will be for their companies, their communities and our economy. I am pleased that our National Travel and Tourism Office here at the Department of Commerce was able to partner with our Administration colleagues to make this reform a reality," added Pritzker.

## US carriers applaud move

In a statement, Delta Air Lines CEO Richard Anderson praised Obama for this latest development.

"This agreement between the U.S. and China...will provide a significant economic boost to the U.S., and is expected to

create hundreds of thousands of jobs nationwide," Anderson said. "China is becoming an increasingly important travel and tourism partner with the U.S., and this is an essential step in ensuring that the United States receives the economic benefits."

United Airlines chairman, president, and CEO Jeff Smisek also issued a statement yesterday approving the new agreement.

"As a global company with an important China route network, we support agreements that simplify travel and remove obstacles for our customers," Smisek said. "China is a fast-growing economy and this agreement will open up travel that will drive economic benefits in the U.S. We urge continued work with other countries to further remove burdensome restrictions on travel."

United provides frequent service to mainland China points of Beijing, Chengdu and Shanghai which can benefit from the new visa policy. In addition, United provides multiple daily flights to Hong Kong from the U.S.

## AUTOPSY

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Deleon Guerrero said Espinola concluded that Hai Ren Li's cause of death was from a skull fracture due to blunt force trauma.

Deleon Guerrero said Espinola concluded that Cheng You Li's cause of death was due to multiple lacerations and wounds inflicted primarily on his neck.

"DPS is working diligently in gathering as much information as possible in order to bring resolution to this case and to apprehend those responsible," the commissioner said.

He said DPS continues to ask for the support of community members in sharing details that might be relevant to this case.

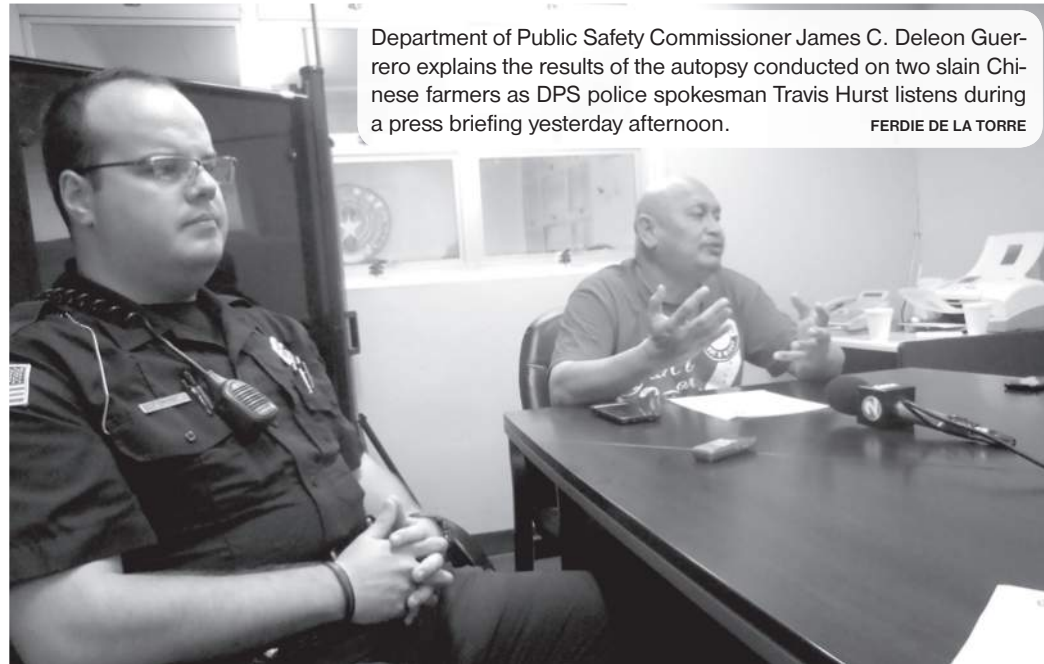
With respect to the investigation into the farmers' murder, Deleon Guerrero said, "Clearly there's no secret" that there is one person of interest.

"That person is cooperating with law enforcement and is providing whatever information the law enforcement requires him to provide," the commissioner said. He refused to elaborate so as not to jeopardize the investigation.

Deleon Guerrero also revealed that at this point they are consolidating all three double homicides as part of the overall investigation.

The bodies of Hai Ren Li and his brother-in-law, Cheng Yu Li, were found at the old airport runway in Kobleville last Nov. 2, two days after they were last seen.

The bodies of couple Guo Huang Xu and Qing Xiu Zheng were found charred in their house



Department of Public Safety Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero explains the results of the autopsy conducted on two slain Chinese farmers as DPS police spokesman Travis Hurst listens during a press briefing yesterday afternoon.

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that was razed to the ground by fire last Feb. 23. Investigators determined that the house was deliberately set on fire.

On Dec. 8, 2012, couple Jun Li Yang and Jing Liu were found murdered inside their home in San Vicente.

Deleon Guerrero said the consolidation of the investigation is quite important because of the sheer brutality of these three senseless murders.

"We are doing the best we can to pursue all leads and whatever information the department has been getting in the past few days," he said.

It is not that there is anything to suggest that the same persons committed the three double homicides, he said, but that it does raise suspicions as to the manner the murders were committed.

He said it is only wise and appropriate to start looking into individuals mentioned in the in-

vestigation to see how they are tied together to the three cases.

"We are getting good help as it is now," Deleon Guerrero said, referring to Federal Bureau of Investigation and other federal law enforcement units.

He said they have some leads but as to whether or not they are good leads, these are things that have yet to be seen as there's a lot of work in progress.

"Our investigators are working day and night interviewing and verifying all these leads," the commissioner said.

At present, Deleon Guerrero said, they are committing more than 70 percent of their investigative resources strictly to just pursuing whatever leads that come before the department. He said they also sought the assistance of federal law enforcement partners.

Deleon Guerrero conceded that there seems to be a general

feeling within the Chinese community that the three cases have not been prioritized by DPS because the victims are Chinese nationals but he assured that the CNMI, being part of the American family, does not and will not support any policy that discriminates against anyone based on ethnicity.

Deleon Guerrero said it is a top priority for all DPS personnel to solve these three homicides and that DPS wants to continue its dialogue with the Chinese community.

Deleon Guerrero appealed for patience from the Chinese community, citing that murder investigations take a great deal of time and resources in order for investigators to make sure they have enough evidence so the government can proceed with successful prosecution.

"It is important that we get it right," he added.

## BEACONS

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to help free our elders from the ravages of war. ... We greeted them the only way we know how, with love and gratitude," Hofschneider said.

"Today, we reunite in honor again at this park, born from the sacrifice of a great nation, in the shadow of its Court of Honor to pay tribute to the strong, to the brave, to the men and women in uniform and the work they do for our islands and our country," he added.

The ceremony's keynote speaker, Brig. Gen. John E. Cardwell, commander of the 9th Mission Support Command in Fort Shafter, said that to truly honor veterans, "we must follow the three Rs: Remember, Respond, and Resolve."

"The first is to remember. ... We must know what they have done for us. The greatest tragedy for any veteran is to be forgotten. Here on Saipan, there are many things to remind us of our veterans, but do we really remember? So where do we start?"

"Earlier, I asked everyone who had a family member who was a veteran. I ask each of you now—do you know their story? Do you know their journeys, their ordeals, their sacrifices? Even if you do not have a family member that served, I challenge all of you to learn the story of one of our many local veterans. All too often, the stories of our veterans are too soon lost to fading memories," Cardwell said.

Remembering their stories, however, is only part of how to honor veterans, he said.

"We must respond to the needs of our living veterans,

veterans who are our family members, and our neighbors. ... We must respond with our time, our money, our voice, and our hearts. There are many great local organizations that could use our time and our money. We can all make a difference locally. ... It is one thing to be forgotten when we are gone, but unforgivable to ignore the needs of our veterans while they are still living. Those veterans, who bear the scars, wounds, strains, and burdens of military service they chose to bear for all of us, need us to respond," Cardwell said.

His last "R"—resolve—means that after remembering the sacrifices of veterans and responding to their needs, "we must resolve to live our lives in ways that honor all veterans."

"Our veterans paid a price for all of us to have the freedoms we all enjoy and we must work every day to repay that debt. To truly honor their actions, we must take action and not take for granted our freedoms," he said.

"All around us we see memorials to our veterans, but we can take it one step further and become living memorials for our veterans. Living memorials who resolve not to waste a single day of the freedom we enjoy. For when we resolve to do so, then all the souls of veterans, living and past, can rejoice in knowing that the sacrifices they made yesterday are still allowing all of us today to build a better tomorrow."

"Our freedoms might have been endowed by our Creator, but they have been protected time and time again by our veterans. ... The world does not measure a country's greatness on its yesterdays but on today. We must remember, respond, and resolve."

## WITH GOP NOW CONTROLLING CONGRESS

# Kilili: Agenda shift is inevitable

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Some of Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's plans in his fourth two-year term as the CNMI's nonvoting representative to U.S. Congress will have to change, now that the Republican Party controls both the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate.

However, Sablan, an independent who caucuses with Demo-

crats in the House, assured that he has no trouble working with GOP lawmakers as his record in the past six years could attest.

"Of course, with the Republicans in complete control of Congress, the opportunities to advance any of my agenda items will shift. But I have built up a pretty good set of relationships with Republicans over the last six years. I wouldn't have been able to get seven Republi-

can chairmen to visit our islands this August if I didn't have some friends on that side of the aisle. We have also built up a very solid working relationship with Sen. [Lisa] Murkowski, the incoming Republican chair of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, which has jurisdiction over insular affairs. So I am not troubled by the change in party leadership."

Sablan, who defeated NMI

Democratic Party's Andrew Salas in the Nov. 4 elections, said his to-do list for the 114th United States Congress would also have to be updated because many have already been fulfilled.

"We have taken some things off the agenda because they are done: we got ownership of our submerged lands enacted into law; we got the SNAP [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program] pilot program enact-

ed, putting us on the pathway to equality with the States on food assistance," he said.

As he prepares for the opening of the next Congress in January, Sablan said his agenda would continue to focus on three important issues: education, immigration, and the regional military buildup.

"But the core of my agenda remains the same: improving federal support for education in the Northern Mariana Islands so our people have the skills needed for jobs in our economy, working to make the immigration transition as least difficult as possible, making sure that we get the same kind of help with healthcare as other parts of America, and, increasingly, managing the military buildup in our islands to maximize the benefits and minimize potentially damaging effects."

Whether the Republicans or the Democrats have control of Congress, Sablan said he would continue to advance the CNMI's interests at the House.

"The reality is that we have been successful in improving life in the Marianas under Democratic leadership in Congress and under Republican leadership. We try to keep our issues nonpartisan, which is why I like being an independent. That seems to work and that will continue to be my approach."

Sablan left the CNMI yesterday and is en route to Washington, D.C., to resume his work in the final days of the 113th Congress.

## Traina Jack still missing



Jack

As of yesterday, Traina Jack, a 19-year-old woman who was last seen on Oct. 22, remained missing, according to Department of Public Safety Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero.

Deleon Guerrero said they continue to receive information about Jack's whereabouts and that they don't want to speculate.

He said at least three places were cited as Jack's possible locations and that investigators checked these areas but she was not there.

The commissioner said that investigators continue to communicate with Jack's parents.

Jack was reportedly last seen possibly in San Antonio last Oct. 22. Her cellular phone was left at a family member's house in San Antonio.

Jack's mother reported her missing to the Department of Public Safety last Oct. 26. (Ferdie de la Torre)



### CERTIFIED PHARMACY TECH

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Brabu Pharmacy is proud to announce another U.S. Certified Pharmacy Technician. Rafferty J. Dris, second from right, successfully completed his internship and passed his exam. His certificate arrived yesterday. In this photos, Dris is surrounded by Brabu's other certified technicians, from left, Kina Sablan, Trina Ito, and Megan Manibusan

## Bad weather cuts hard for the Garapan Public Market

### »Better times expected early next year

By DENNIS B. CHAN  
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REPORTER

The Garapan Public Market is visibly empty of the produce and promise it showed on its opening day in August. However, the market hopes for a turnaround early next year, when they believe weather will allow the market to regularly avail of fruits and vegetables.

Isidoro Cabrera, secretary of the CNMI Farmer's Cooperative Association, said the market has been "sustaining losses" as they do not sell enough produce daily.

While there is income, it is minimal, he said. On top of this, the lack of a chiller leads many of the produce to rot.

"We have about 60-some-plus co-op members but most of them are not producing at this time. Part of the reason is the bad weather. You cannot hoe the soil when it's wet. If you want to plant something you have to wait several days or weeks to start tilling the ground because when it's wet you cannot do

much," Cabrera said.

Operation hours and personnel have been cut to mitigate this shortage of produce, according to Cabrera. Despite this, he believes in a turnaround.

"When you enter the market it's mostly empty...but the market will not close. It's going continue to open, except we opened it in the wrong time in August," he said. He believes they should have opened in November or December.

Ten to 15 percent of the 60-plus co-op members provide the market with produce, according to Cabrera. But even with that number, the farmers do not have enough produce to bring to market, he said.

He said local crops did not sustain enough damage from last month's typhoons for farmers to avail of federal crop insurance.

Co-op farmers receive a share the market's profit at the end of the year, depending on the value earned from the produce they sell at the market.

Cabrera believes the co-op's

members are obligated as owners to sell their crop at the market.

"In order for the market to grow, the members have to be active, supply, support, and benefit the market," he said.

This week, according to Cabrera, the market will try to invite members of the Sabalu Market in Susupe to set up shop outside GPM. This, hopefully, would entice more customers to the market, he said.

Right now, they are looking to the Legislature for additional funds to purchase a chiller and help with operational costs. The Saipan delegation is pending an amount of \$57,000 he said.

Other sources of funds may come through technical assistance of the Northern Marianas College. Cabrera said the college has offered its help with grant writing for U.S. Department of Agriculture and Administration for Native American grants.

These are "long term" solutions, he said. But the market "needs to start now" to obtain them.

*My family and I wish to humbly extend our sincere Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Olomwaay and Thank You to all of my supporters, extended families, and friends alike for your continuous encouragement and vote of confidence in my Senatorial Candidacy.*

*We would also like to express our deep gratitude and thank my Committee to Elect members headed by our able Chairman, Ray S. Salas. It was an honor to work with each of you. To my great confidante, Jess Sn. Lizama and his family, thank you.*

*While I was not successful this time, I cherished your friendship and would continue my passion to help our people in various ways.*

*Once again, we humbly extend our warmth Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Olomwaay, and Thank You to all.*

*Respectfully,*

## "Si OB"

### Oscar Manglona Babauta & Family



# Aeronautical Dolphins fly to DC to defend RWDC title

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REPORTER

The Aeronautical Dolphins are flying to Washington, D.C. to defend their title as the 2013 National Real World Design Challenge winners. They leave today for the national competition that will take place on Nov. 16.

In April, the Dolphins won the state RWDC competition, beating out other teams from the

CNMI and Guam. America Samoa did not compete this year.

The winning team members are Jill Ann Arada, Jessica Bigueras, Alam Mobtasim, Jun Young Kim, Regina Go, Roselie Agulto, and Esther Choi. Their coach is MHS teacher John Raulerson.

Arada and Bigueras won \$50,000 in college scholarships for winning last year. Arada, who is in college now, will be joining the team in D.C.

MHS has won the RWDC Pacific Region title in the last three years.

Each year, students are asked to address a real-time problem confronting the nation's industries. This year's challenge focused on the design and implementation of an unmanned aircraft system to support precision agriculture to monitor and assess crop conditions to achieve increased yield.

The MHS team's state win-

ner and potential national champion design is called the "Hawkeye 670."

Earlier, Raulerson said the "Hawkeye" has more capability than last year's winning design. The design has jet-engine technology, multi-flight controls, among other features, he said.

"It can hover, it can rotate on a vertical axis, it can balance itself on a lateral axis. I think it's going to be a really good aircraft," Raulerson had said.

Teams use a systems engineering design and integration approach to identify, compare, analyze, demonstrate, and defend the most appropriate

component combinations, subsystem designs, operational methods, and business case to support the year's challenge scenario.

## Politics roil voter awareness youth group

By DENNIS B. CHAN  
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REPORTER

A youth voter-awareness group may have succumbed to a case of "politics" this election season, which may cause them to dissolve, according to group adviser Irene Tantiado of MILE CNMI.

Tantiado is contesting a MILE press release endorsing the gubernatorial and now runoff candidates Heinz Hofschneider and Ray Yumul. The statement was released while she was off-island.

Tantiado said she and other core members of the group were not informed of the decision made by board chair Angel Ichihara, adviser Ronnie Doca, and other members to endorse Hofschneider.

The topic of endorsement did come up at group meetings but they chose not to endorse a candidate out of respect to their differing opinions, she said.

"We're trying to keep the group clear of these things," she said.

In the press release, Doca is described as "the adviser for the group" who "was pleased that its members were able to decide amongst themselves on who[m] to endorse."

Tantiado said she has had zero response from the Docas since the release.

It is unclear which member of the group wrote the endorsement. Doca contacted both of the island's newspapers with the statement.

Ichihara said the "majority of the group" voted to endorse Hofschneider at a meeting a week prior to the election. However, Tantiado contests this "majority" that Ichihara claims. She said six core members were not aware of Ichihara's decision.

One of them, MILE secretary Aaron Cabug, confirmed he and other core members never endorsed such a decision.

"We are somehow becoming political. We are happy with AJ going to the radio [to support Heinz], but not using MILE," he said.

He believes if MILE were to endorse a candidate, all members should have supported the decision.

Tantiado hopes to sit down with Doca, Ichihara and the rest of MILE when she returns this week.

She hopes the group will agree that the endorsement was not "official." If not, the group would dissolve or she would leave as adviser, she said.



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The Real World Design Challenge Pacific state winner is the Aeronautical Dolphins from Marianas High School. Back row, from left: Jun Young Kim, Mobtasim Alam, Esther Choi, and teacher/coach John Raulerson. Front row, from left: MHS principal Cherlyn Cabrera, Jessica Bigueras, Regina Go, and Roselie Agulto. Not in picture is Jill Ann Arada, currently in college, who will join the team for the competition in Washington D.C.

See more photos on Page 14



## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation



### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-15-003

#### Water & Wastewater Laboratory Services

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from DECQ certified firms to provide laboratory services for the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFP package may be obtained upon completion of registration and receipt of a non-refundable deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one set from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays. Prospective Proposers must register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on **November 26, 2014 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan.

**One (1) original and Five (5) copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-15-003, Water & Wastewater Laboratory Services", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **December 12, 2014 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

All Offerors are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

All questions or request for clarification must be submitted in writing no later than **November 28, 2014 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Procurement & Supply Manager via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Heidi Yelin, CUC Laboratory Manager, via email heidi.yelin@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

/s/ ALAN W. FLETCHER  
Executive Director

/s/ MANNY B. SABLAN  
Manager, Procurement & Supply



## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



### INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-15-005

#### W-4, W-5 AND W-6 SEWER LIFT STATION ELIMINATION

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of W-4, W-5 and W-6 Sewer Lift Station Elimination in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project consists of construction of a new lift station to replace the existing W-5 lift station; installation of new gravity sewer mains, including bar screen and odor control, from existing lift stations W-4 and W-6 to new lift station W-5 such that these existing lift stations and force mains can be replaced by gravity sewers; installation of force main from the new W-5 lift station to the nearby gravity sewer main, thereby eliminating existing sewer lift stations; installation of Owner-Furnished Contractor-Installed (OFICI) products; construction of a new generator building and appurtenances; demolition of two existing generator buildings and appurtenances; demolition and restoration existing minor structures and restoration of existing asphalt concrete road. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the sewer system. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 350 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **November 13, 2014 at 9:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan.

**One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the bid MUST** be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-15-005, W-4, W-5 and W-6 Sewer Lift Station Elimination" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on December 2, 2014**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. All responses to this Invitation for Bids should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the bidder, awarded a contract.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. The award of a contract may be contingent upon the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) approval. If CPUC approval is required, the contract will not be executed by CUC until such approval is provided.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 14, 2014** to Manny B. Sablan, Manager, Procurement & Supply, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Nicolette Villagomez, Junior Engineer, Water/Wastewater Division via email nicolette.villagomez@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and to waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN W. FLETCHER  
Executive Director,  
Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

MANNY B. SABLAN  
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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

# The Big Lie

IT wants you to believe that Governor Inos has saved the Retirement Fund but if any one man is responsible for the demise of the Fund it would be Governor Inos.

Inos-Torres have used government regulations to access casino funds to pay for his campaign by advancing license fees and making pay-outs until the year he or Ralph is not governor anymore--2018. They will leave the retirement fund payments for the next governor to deal with and by then, the Retirement Fund will be gone—and so will they—so they won't care.

- In the late 1980's, Eloy Inos, as Director of Finance stopped paying the Retirement Fund because revenues were low.
- In the early 1990's Eloy Inos, as Director of Finance stopped payments to the Retirement Fund because revenues were low.
- In 2010, Governor Fitial designated Eloy Inos his point person to "take care" of the Retirement Fund. Inos stopped payments to the Fund.

- In 2013, as Governor, Eloy Inos negotiated a 25% cut to pension fund payments as part of a lawsuit settlement.

In a statement on October 13, 2014, Retirement Fund Administrator attempted to clarify confusion about whether retirement fund payments would continue beyond 2014 by saying retirement fund payments will depend on continued funding from the government.

The Fund Administrator noted that year 5, 2018 is a problem because that year's license fee was advanced to 2014, this election year.

IT uses its regulatory authority to manipulate the outcome of this election. Is this how the Commonwealth will conduct elections from now on? Will government officials be permitted to bend regulations to influence the outcome of elections? Will it stop there?

**Think about IT.**

By Cherrie Anne E. Villahermosa  
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CAN the government continue paying for the 25 percent restoration each year after 2014? That depends on several factors, according to Settlement Fund Administrator Lilian Pangelinan said reports that the 25 percent payments have been restored have led to a lot of confusion among Settlement Fund members on whether the 25 percent will continue to be paid after 2014.

Pangelinan, in an email on Friday, said payment after 2014 will depend on 1) Continuous payment of the \$15 million annual exclusive license fee by the Saipan casino licensee; 2) appropriation of funds by the senatorial districts; 3) identification of \$15 million funding for year 5 because this amount was paid in 2014; and 4) contributions from the CNMI government.

Pangelinan, in an email on Friday, said payment after 2014 will depend on 1) Continuous payment of the \$15 million annual exclusive license fee by the Saipan casino licensee; 2) appropriation of funds by the senatorial districts; 3) identification of \$15 million funding for year 5 because this amount was paid in 2014; and 4) contributions from the CNMI government.

in large part on continuous funding and payment by the licensee and the NMI government to make up any shortage," she added.

Pangelinan at the

to Sept. 30, 2014.

Pangelinan said the Fund will disburse

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# JRM commander welcomes new US citizens

**HAGATNA, Guam**—Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar, Commander, Joint Region Marianas, and the District Court of Guam recognized the newest American citizens during a Veterans Day naturalization ceremony at the court in Hagatña Nov. 10.

Bolivar was the event's keynote speaker and addressed the 39 men and women who were granted citizenship during the ceremony.

"As we prepare to celebrate Veterans Day tomorrow, one of the things I think makes [today] even more special is the link that you share with the men and women of our armed forces," Bolivar said. "Not many are granted the opportunity to recite the oath of allegiance to the United States."

As a second-generation Filipino-American, Bolivar also shared her grandfather and father's stories of becoming Americans after joining the armed forces in the Philippines.

"Like you, they worked hard and dedicated themselves to ensure the best possible life for my family," she said. "I cannot express how grateful I am that the United States gave my family the opportunity to live in this great country."

District Court of Guam Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood presided over the ceremony and said these types of events mean the most to her as they display the value of American citizenship.

"I don't think people realize the significance and the value of our U.S. citizenship until they are out in the field fighting for our freedoms or they come to these ceremonies and they see the significance and the importance, and the value

of our citizenship," she said.

Tydingco-Gatewood also expressed gratitude for Bolivar's willingness to speak at the ceremony and thanked her for her service to the nation.

Mary Alba was naturalized during the ceremony and said she was proud to become a citizen in order to provide a better quality of life for her and her family.

"I'm very honored and I'm very privileged to be a United States of America citizen," she said. "For me, being an American citizen gives me a better opportunity, it gives me a better life."

In her closing remarks, the admiral encouraged the new citizens to become active members of society in order to help the U.S. continue to prosper.

"I'd like to present your first challenge as Americans: make a difference in our community, our island and our nation," she said. "Make a difference and live the dream." (PR)



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Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar, Commander, Joint Region Marianas, congratulates a newly naturalized citizen during a Veterans Day naturalization ceremony at the District Court of Guam in Hagatña on Nov. 10.



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Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar, Commander, Joint Region Marianas, delivers the keynote address during a Veterans Day naturalization ceremony at the District Court of Guam in Hagatña Nov. 10.

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

**November 12, 2008**

### Man is arrested for alleged 'ice' trafficking

Detectives and members of the Local Drug Enforcement Task Force arrested Monday afternoon a man who was allegedly involved in trafficking methamphetamine or "ice" on Saipan. Zhen Hua Guo, 39, alias Brother, allegedly tried to elude the arresting team by driving a moped in Chalan Piao. Guo, a Chinese, was arrested for trafficking of a controlled substance and illegal possession of a controlled substance. Guo was taken to the Superior Court yesterday for a bail hearing. Associate Judge David Wiseman imposed a \$30,000 cash bail for the defendant's temporary liberty.

### Fitial justifies continued emergency declarations

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial has justified his continued use of disaster declarations to address the Commonwealth's power problems, saying "we are still in crisis." Fitial in a letter to the Legislature said the continuing power outages, although sporadic, are proof of the problems still besetting the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. "Although the Aggreko generators provided us with substantial relief, we must not be lulled into a sense of complacency," Fitial told legislative leaders. "Make no mistake, we are still in a crisis situation with our public utilities and we have a very limited time

frame to resolve this crisis and avert the kind of rolling blackouts we experienced last summer."

**November 12, 2005**

### 'ConCon defeat is very good'

Well-respected current issues and history instructor Sam McPhetres said the defeat of the Constitutional Convention question in the Nov. 5 general elections was "wonderful" and "very good." "ConCon is waste of time and waste of funds," said McPhetres. He said there is really no need to convene a Constitutional Convention since amendments can be made through a legislative amendment and a popular initiative. "We've got two other legal means to amend the constitution," he said. The ConCon question failed to get the required number of affirmative answers in the Nov. 5 general elections. The Constitution requires that the affirmative votes for the Constitutional Convention question reach two-thirds—or approximately 66.66-percent—of the votes cast.

### DOI: Compact fund for PSS not connected with '05 polls

Office of Insular Affairs Deputy Assistant Secretary David Cohen said that his office's review and approval of the CNMI's Compact Impact fund use for Public School System is not dependent on the result of the Nov. 5 general elections. "The timing of the election has no connection at all. We'll approve it in due course," said Cohen on the grant proposal submitted by the Babauta administration for \$5.1 million Compact Impact fund use for PSS. Babauta, whose re-election bid is uncertain given his ranking in the Nov. 5 elections, earlier proposed that in the next four years, all Compact Im-

pact money totaling over \$20 million would be spent for PSS projects.

**November 12, 2003**

### Victim's testimony saves defendant

The Superior Court acquitted a man on assault charges, noting the victim's testimony that said her injuries were caused by an accidental fall. Associate Judge Juan T. Lizama declared Zai Bin Feng "not guilty" on two counts each of assault and battery and disturbing the peace. Zai's alleged victim in the case was Yu Miao, his girlfriend and the mother of his child. The Attorney General's Office prosecuted Zai for allegedly attacking the woman violently twice. Lizama noted that the victim's injuries were consistent with the alleged attack. "This is, on its face, a reasonable, non-criminal explanation for the alleged victim's injuries," Lizama said. "To meet its burden of proving guilt beyond reasonable doubt that an accidental fall could not reasonably have been the cause of [the woman's] injuries."

### Stranded tourists rescued in mid-sea

Law enforcement officers rescued a group of tourists who were briefly stranded in the middle of the sea after their motorboat bogged down Friday morning. Police department spokesperson PO3 Tom Blas Jr. said the tourists boarded a motorboat, piloted by Kondo Masami, around 9:30am Friday. The group left the Smiling Cove marina and proceeded to the Dimple Dive Spot where the tourists were set to dive. When the group was ready to return to Saipan two hours later, Masami said the boat's engine failed to start, which prompted him to call from the Boating Safety Section of the Department of Public Safety for assistance.

# CUC seeks contractor that will manage SO2 projects

By **JAYSON CAMACHO**  
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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is now soliciting bids for a company that will help the utilities agency complete sev-

## Chamber welcomes 4 new directors

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce welcomed four new directors during its general membership meeting at the SandCastle of the Hyatt Regency Saipan last week.

Chamber executive director Jill M. Arenovski said the four members joining the board of directors include Mable Ayuyu of Re/Max, Wayne Gillespie of the Salvation Army, and associate members Donna Krum and C.E. "Bud" White.

Ayuyu, Gillespie, Krum, and White replace outgoing secretary Greg Moretti, Kevin McCale, Rosemond B. Santos, and Nola K. Hix as directors.

The four will also join current directors led by Chamber president Alex A. Sablan, vice president Velma Palacios, and directors Chris Concepcion and Ron Smith.

## Energy Office to hold outreach on Saipan

The Department of Public Works' Energy Division Office will be hosting the 2014 Saipan Energy Awareness Campaign on Saturday, Nov. 29, 2014, with two sessions (morning and afternoon) at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret. The first session is from 9am to 11am; the second session is from 2pm to 4pm.

This event will provide residents tips on how to conserve energy at home, how to save money using efficient products that carry the Energy Star label, and educate the community on the importance of energy conservation in the CNMI.

The Energy Division through its Energy, Education, Efficiency and Conservation Program efforts will be distributing reusable shopping bags with Home Energy Savings Kits and raffle of either a 16" pedestal fan or portable stove for each attendee.

Due to limited seating, interested individuals must pre-register with the CNMI Energy Division to confirm attendance. Pre-registration will start today Nov. 12, 2014, and end on Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2014. For more information and to register, call the Energy Division at 664-4480/4, Monday to Friday from 7:30am to 4:30pm. In addition, registered attendees will be required to present a valid photo identification card and a copy of their most recent utility bill in their name to be allowed to participate in the scheduled sessions. Those who fail to provide a photo ID and recent CUC bill at the time of the session will be turned away.

This project is made possible through a grant under the State Energy Program, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. (Office of the Governor)

eral court-mandated projects, according to CUC board chair David Sablan Jr.

The Engineering and Environmental Management Company, or EEMC, which will overlook and complete CUC

Arenovski said she is really excited with the new crop of directors. For example, she said, Krum is a marketing expert who gave the "greatest speech on why you need to join the Chamber."

She, however, is a bit sad that Hix and company will no longer be on the board.

"[Hix] really wants to start this young professionals group and I really want to support her. Nola is still going to be involved in committees and the Chamber moving forward."

The Chamber board of directors will meet in January to vote among themselves who will be the new officers. The officers' terms are for a year, while board assignment is for two years.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce is the largest private business organization in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. With over 145 business members the Chamber is an association aligned to make a difference in the Commonwealth community. (Mark Rabago)

projects under stipulated order No. 2, was required by U.S District Court for the NMI designated judge David O. Carter in his final order on the agreement hammered out between the U.S Environmental Protection Agency, CUC, and the CNMI government in September.

Stipulated order No. 2 is a con-

sent agreement between EPA, CUC, and CNMI for CUC to come into compliance with the Clean Water Act and other environmental laws and regulations.

SO2 addresses oil spill prevention, preparedness and response for oil storage facilities on Saipan and Rota and covers power plants 1 and 2 and oil storage in Lower

Base, an eight-inch steel pipeline transferring oil from the Mobil Marine Terminal gate valve to power plants 1 and 2, Power Plant 3 near the Saipan International Airport, Power Plant 4 in Puerto Rico, and the power plant in Songsong, Rota.

CUC executive director Alan Fletcher told *Saipan Tribune* that the EEMC would furnish the necessary personnel, material, equipment, services, and fa-

cilities to perform the projects.

Fletcher said the EEMC will include key personnel and "fixed labor rates" to comply with a fixed period. The total value of the letter of engagement for an EEMC is estimated at \$20 million.

"Those interested for the EEMC proposal will have to submit information that includes details on how they will perform the tasks," Fletcher said.

## Goat Island is now open for hunting

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Goat Island, also known as Aguiguan, is now open for goat hunting, according to Tinian Mayor Ramon M. Dela Cruz yesterday. Hunting season is from Nov. 3, 2014, to Jan. 4, 2015.

Those who are interested in hunting for goats on Aguiguan need to apply for a hunting license at the Division of Fish and Wildlife under the Department of Lands and Natural Resources on Tinian.

"We just recently opened it up. We only open Goat Island to hunters if DLNR-DFW recommends it to our office [Tinian Mayor's Office] if there are enough goats or if it is overcrowded. The survey is done so they decided that it is open for hunting," Dela Cruz said.

A hunting license for residents costs \$5, while for non-residents, it is \$20.

The hunting bag limit is 10 goats and only males. Female goats can't be taken, according to Dela Cruz.

He said two permits would be needed. One is for the hunting and the other is for entering Goat Island.

"Those individuals who have not submitted their report cards for the previous two hunting

seasons will not be issued licenses," he said.

"DFW officers on Tinian, Aguiguan and Saipan will be guarding against poachers and will be conducting inspection before departure and arrival of all vessels," he added.

According to *Saipan Tribune* archives, goats on Aguiguan are remnants of a herd that was imported during the Japanese administration to provide milk and cheese for the Okinawan farmers who lived there.

"If you're hunting we recommend you follow the rules and don't use high-powered rifles," Dela Cruz said.

Only two types of weapons can be used: a .22 caliber rifle or .22 Magnum.

"We just want to make sure the hunting season is successful and hunters who go there to stay safe and have valid identification and make sure that no one shoots anyone else," Dela Cruz said.

For further information call 433-1400 or 433-1401.



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## REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

This is to inform all Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC)-approved Contractors (including Tinian and Rota contractors) that we are currently updating our Approved Contractor Listing for calendar year 2015. In order for NMHC to extend your company's inclusion on our listing for another year, you must submit the documentations listed below. Those companies that are not on our list of approved contractors but wish to be included are likewise encouraged to submit the following:

1. Valid CNMI Business License
2. Current Financial Statements (certified by the principle executive officer and principle financial officer)
3. 2 Years Business Gross Revenue (BGR) Tax Returns
4. 2 Years Corporate Income Tax Returns (1120)
5. Clearance Letter from the Department of Labor
6. Certificate of Compliance from the Revenue & Taxation Office
7. Workmen's Compensation Policy
8. Name of Insurance Company(ies) Currently Dealing With
9. A list of on-going/completed projects showing name of project, start and completion dates, and contract amounts
10. At least three (3) reference letters from owners of the completed projects
11. List of vendors and suppliers and at least three reference letters from them (CONSTRUCTION QUARRY, READY-MIX CEMENT & HARDWARE STORES)
12. Company background
13. Articles of Incorporation & Company By-Laws, if applicable
14. Annual Report (Registrar of Corporations)

**FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE ABOVE DOCUMENTS BY DECEMBER 12, 2014 WILL RESULT IN YOUR COMPANY'S ELIMINATION FROM OUR LIST OF "APPROVED CONTRACTORS."**

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Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

/S/ **JESSE S. PALACIOS**  
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**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY  
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**INVITATION TO BID  
ITB NO.: ITB15-DLNR/DFW-012**

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: DECEMBER 12, 2014      TIME: 10:00 A.M.

**"TRANSPORTATION AND DEPLOYMENT OF TWO (2)  
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A PROJECT UNDER THE DLNR - DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE"**

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RFP NO.: RFQ15-DPL-017**

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**"PHASE I AND II ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENTS  
FOR THE MASALOG AMMUNITION DEPOT, PINA, TINIAN, CNMI  
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS"**

A project information package containing detailed project background, scope of work, and required minimum qualifications information, can be picked up at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, during working hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Prospective off-island proposers may obtain the information package by contacting Project Manager, Timothy Lang, via e-mail at trlang@yahoo.com. Qualifications statements that do not conform to requirements as stated in the project information package are subject to disqualification.

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/S/ **PEDRO A. TENORIO**  
SECRETARY OF PUBLIC LANDS
/S/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**  
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### EDITORIAL

## Inspiration is lost in commercialization of space exploration

One are the inspiring images of heroic astronauts marching toward the gantry, helmets cradled in their arms and smiles on their faces. The latest portrayals of American space travel suggest it has devolved into an odd combination of futuristic trucking firms and pricey amusement park rides.

Two commercial spacecraft accidents last month raised serious concerns about private-sector space travel as well as the federal government's broader space policy. Virgin Galactic's SpaceShipTwo disintegrated above California's Mojave Desert on Oct. 31, killing one pilot and injuring another, just days after the liftoff explosion of Orbital Sciences Corp.'s Antares rocket on Wallops Island, Va.

Officials from the Federal Aviation Administration, National Transportation Safety Board, and NASA are investigating the accidents. They will no doubt use what they learn to upgrade safety protocols and rules.

Already under scrutiny are the 1960s-vintage Russian engines used in the Orbital Sciences craft. It would seem risky to rely on an engine that old to drive out of state, let alone fly out of the atmosphere.

The accidents were reminders that space travel remains extremely dangerous even as public enthusiasm for it has slipped away with budget and program cuts.

After many years of a shuttle program that had astronauts and their guests delivering space freight while investigating such questions as the effect of weightlessness on spiders, the Obama administration decided that private companies should take over the task of hauling supplies and eventually people to the International Space Station. Meanwhile, NASA is supposed to be working on getting humans to Mars by about 2030.

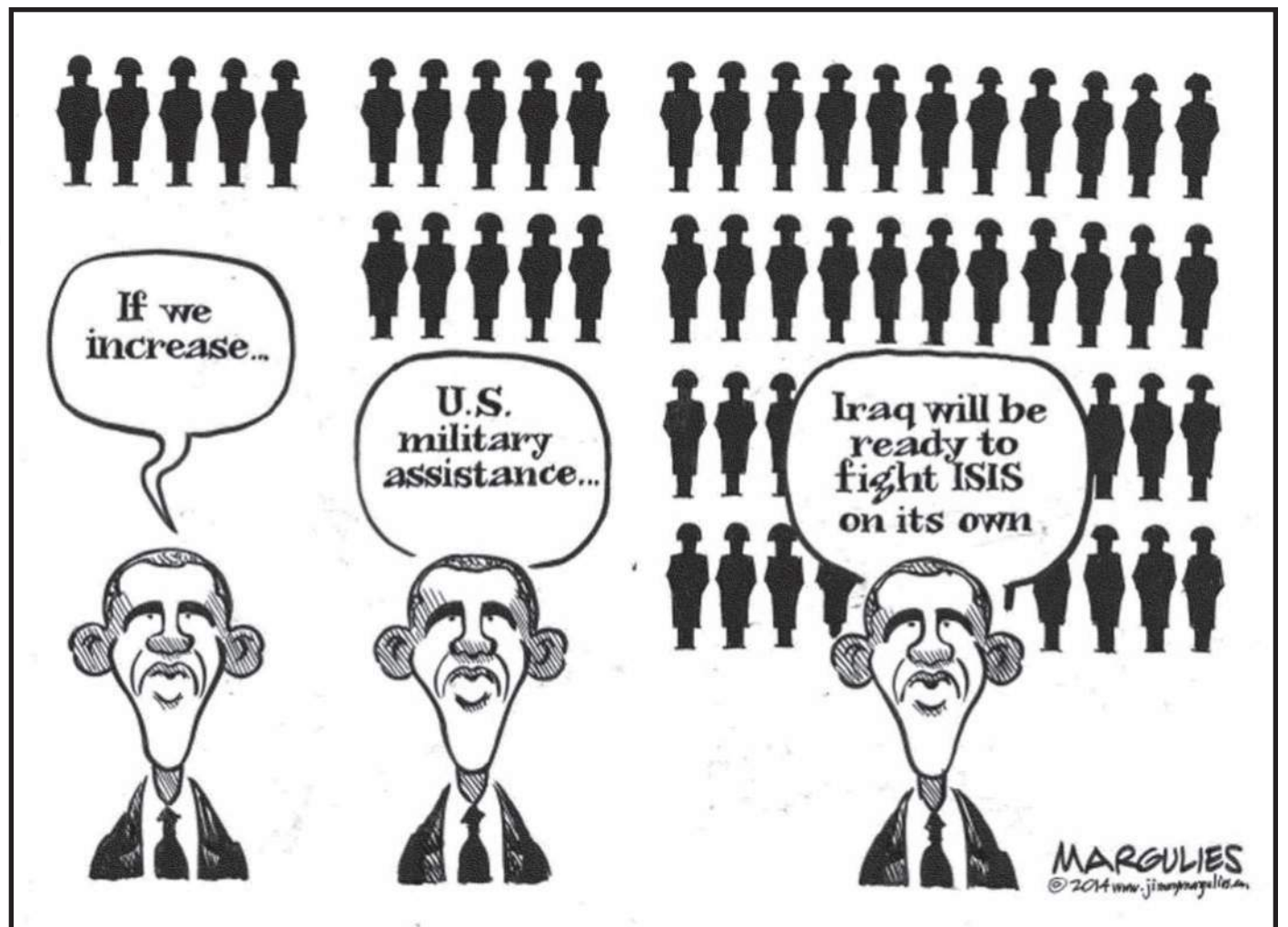
NASA's Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution (MAVEN) craft, which began orbiting the red planet in September, is studying how it lost most of its water and atmosphere. It is an extraordinary chance to learn what happened on Mars and perhaps apply the lessons to Earth.

However, as with the Curiosity rover, which crawls on the planet's surface, MAVEN's human operators are earth-bound. Watching them is a lot like watching someone play a video game. The human element, along with all its emotional content, is missing.

The space program has to be about defying not just gravity, but conventional thinking. It should be about the heart as well as the mind. Those noncommercial imperatives that once fueled NASA and space exploration have faded.

Maybe it's because science has been politicized and derided in some circles, or because Americans' outlook has suffered under the strain of a difficult economy and fears that the next generation won't be better off. Or maybe it's because robots are doing what space cowboys can't yet do. But cargo ships won't capture the public's imagination unless they're laying the groundwork for brave humans to forge new paths.

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## An APEC scraper

President Xi Jinping visited Ulan Bator in Mongolia early this year and shared the image of China as a train on a roll welcoming all to come on board, appropriate to the now vibrant image of the Silk Economic Circle (visions from Seoul to London overland and maritime) that China unleashed directly on Indian Ocean islands to the Suez and resurgent nations of Central Asia.

The weeklong 2014 meeting of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation in Beijing on Nov. 5-12, aims to "Shape[ing] the Future through Asia-Pacific Partnership," notable for its collaborative more than competitive tone, fitting next to the Bird's Nest at the 2008 Beijing Olympic grounds where athletes were exhorted to break their own record before going after those of others.

To develop consensus (*my parenthetical notes*) on regional economic integration (*loosen up on protectionism*), promote innovation and development (*quit being just a factory outlet but create*), reform and grow stagnant economies (*relate to each other's economies, damn it!*), and strengthen infrastructure connectivity (*build planes and tarmacs, cyber terminals and satellites, ports and ships, rails and trains, roads and electric cars, bicycle ramps and pedestrian lanes*), APEC has an agenda toward concrete results this week (today is last business day).

When I made my inland trip to China just after Tiananmen in '89, the boulevards (*da jie*) were tree-lined, and folks pedaled about in their office attires. The cities were not high-tech yet but they were green! That has changed. The price of economic progress is high. To reduce PMI alerts in the northeast this week, construction work was suspended and government employees went on holiday in Beijing while the meeting was in session.

With 1.3 billion people targeted in the China Dream, a democratic impulse is very much alive. A people who only 40 years ago endured devastating hardship and famine had made its space technology and its applications glocal in the market of droids and androids, staying on the black side of the ledger, and be proud!

APEC was established in the year I peeked at the Forbidden City in '89. It now involves 21 Pacific Rim economies. A quaint tradition has leaders dress in the host nation's attire during the leaders meeting. Monday night was dress up day at the Water Cube, *aka* National Aquatic Center, where President Xi Jinping and his wife Peng Li Yuan received the head-of-states attired in various shades of silk (a designer's *Tang Zhuang Han Fu* aka new modern formal suit *Xin Zhong Zhuang* for the occasion.)

My delight is on the ground effect of the "foreigners' presence" in country. "Face" wishing to be seen in good light and held in high esteem makes for a great op to display the best china, as it were. Liaoning 2013 had my school participate in

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the China Games 2013. After scraping off pasted posters for two years before, a maintenance member proudly showed me the scraper he added to his tools. He gestured that I did not have to bring mine any more as it was now his job to scrape. The word that certain posts and walls were not going to tolerate impromptu posters any further might have been made!

While I waited for a bus last week, I saw a street cleaner in orange vest peeling off ads on streetlight poles and lampposts. Thinking it anomalous, simply an individual's sole initiative, I noticed police cars clear out parked vehicles and unauthorized streets vendors by the usually crowded metro stop escalators two blocks from my place. On Saturday morning, a male youth came to the ground floor doors in my neighborhood scraping off ads. The APEC weeklong meetings must have sent the word out that the "rule of law" can be applied through the scraper.

On a walk through the university, I noticed that the maintenance crew scraped ads and posters from the pillars of the dorm where I lived. A class monitor once found me sweeping the classroom floor in our room after a session and she declared that they had "someone paid to do that." That it was not reflected in the tidiness of the room.

China has a "someone-paid-to-do-that" mentality, so folks just spit sunflower shells on the streets, polished floors, and newly swept stairs. Indiscriminate pasting of ads on doors and walls is common. A former student came into my quad this week and commented that the playground cleared of parked cars looked like a "village."

The democratization of initiative, creativity, and innovation is a pillar of China's dream. China is now open to foreigners from around the world. It is sensitive to "face," an incentive Xi Jinping does not hesitate to exploit to motivate behavior. APEC pushed to tidy up surroundings a bit; one hopes that the local efforts keep going.

If the China Games 2013 at my university was any indication, pride in clean posts, poles and walls might linger longer after the APEC is over. Or at least my village at the old Shenbei Center continues to keep "face" before a resident foreigner who walks around with a camera!

# Runoff: Slavery or dignity?

Politicians aren't necessarily equipped with clarity of vision, therefore the lack of a clear mission on policies requiring due diligence to listen to their people. They brave telling us what's good for us for all the wrong reasons.

One of such decisions pertains to casino as a matter of policy, shortsighted on every front. It simply ignored the will of "we the people." It was a full display of arrogance. The mandate never came from the consent of the governed. Policymakers turned self-anointed "masters" rather than retain sanity as "public servants."

Be that as it may, I took a journey into the presumptuous casino land as the centerpiece of our "new" way of life. Very sad how we have given up our cultural traditions in favor of a lifestyle that was never a part of us.

Subtly, we were cornered to reset buttons to meet the demands of this so-called "new" way of life in the "fast lane" set aglow by flashing neon lights. Sadly, each time we leave the venue or work place, we return to substandard housing and poverty in the gutter of our indecisions.

We trashed our value system in favor of complete individual freedom. Through the years many would have sold their properties. As more of indigenous land is sold to non-indigenous folks, the NMI must necessarily plan public housing to shelter the landless that once had property.

Land, our language, and cultural traditions are the last pillars of hope to sustain our simple ways of life. If it is our decision on 21<sup>st</sup> of November to trash it permanently, then I hope such a decision is made consciously and conscientiously, too.

The level of self-destruction is like cancerous cells that metastasize or spread everywhere in your blood system. It turns the pathway from pride and dignity to indentured slaves. We would rely on federal handouts, e.g., Medicaid, housing vouchers or public housing, among others, embracing it as the norm. The lack of self-respect would be a hallmark of selling out easily to moneyed casino people.

Ten years from now we would gather at sunset, yearning for the good old days when our future was in our hands. By then the NMI

would have finally attained the crown jewel of a permanent welfare state. More of our very own people move off-island in search of opportunities that resembles indigenous values they once had at "home."

In brief, this is our future for trashing indigenous values that have held us together for centuries. This is our future in casino land. Do we prostitute or trash our culture, tradition, and our future for 40 silvers?

## Of permanent displacement

The self-inflicted permanent displacement of our people would not hit our shores in tsunami-like fashion. But the red tide would rise above normal height, drowning anything and everything in it.

Our island way of life would definitely drown and fade with the low tide when it recedes. We would have been washed out to the open sea and won't even turn into debris in the lagoon. Gone!

It is the unintended consequences of the inevitable that many would treat and dispense as a fly-by cotton ball on their shirt. At day's end, it is far more destructive than its appearance. It's a killer fox in a rabbit fur. A rising tide could either float or sink your boat. It's the latter that I fear most about. It is this fear that seems to be intensifying steadily by the day.

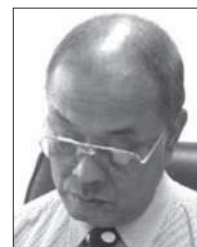
One could only do so much, after which it's all in the court of public disposition. Indeed, we're challenged to decide between modernity with casino or our traditional or indigenous way of life. I have seen indigenous resiliency over the last five decades, how we've picked up ourselves to move forward after the devastation of a superstorm. The superstorm this time is our future: our way of life or slaves of casino.

## With a sense of humility

Many of us have seen the hardship of poverty in the late '50s and early '60s. We've seen the sacrifice of our parents who never gave up just so that we could go to school and prepare for the challenges ahead. We did our share to be good and contributing members of

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our community.

In the years of enduring poverty I'd ask my mom if there's anything better than what we had then. She said, "As poor as we are son, your dad and I have never done anything to humiliate any of you for life." Their resiliency to maintain a strong family amidst the unbearable hardship gave us the courage to work by their side at the old family farm most days of the week.

We did our share of chores each day. As hard as those days were, we never lost sight of hope for we also believe that someday we'd see a bright new morning. We chose careers and succeeded in realizing our dreams. It was a long and hard journey but was worth all the sacrifice.

I was determined to ensure that my children would never have to deal with misery in abject poverty. I have succeeded as most of you have too. Let's ensure that we don't allow the casino policy to turn opportunities into a swamp of abject poverty for our children. It's all in the palm of our hands. Let's guard the future of our children!

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Gi halom didog na pineple ta chahlau umuma kilu'os-ta pot para ta fedus un' hogsu' `nai a'anog malag na chagchag oga'an. Makat na karera gi halom gaddun kañada lau ni unu sumeha.

Maila ta fan agu'ot kanai ya ta protehe direchota. Muña mana-ña na u atalag i asuntu. Maila' tafan apipet gi halom este na piligru para minauleg unu pot otu!

# US long term survival depends on matters overseas

WASHINGTON—There is an eerie sameness with events almost 60 years ago in the president's announcement that he was doubling the size of U. S. troops needed to advise Iraqi regulars on how to halt the fanatical ISIS (of ISIL) forces from eventually overrunning Iraq.

If the pattern were to follow history we could expect that the 3,000 "advisers"—up from 1,500 in just a few months—is just the beginning of what ultimately may be needed to quell the onslaught despite assurances from the president and his men that there is no "mission creep" in this latest announcement.

For those of us old enough to remember, American involvement in Vietnam began in essentially the same way. Dwight Eisenhower's handful of "advisers" amounted to thousands by the time his predecessor, John F. Kennedy, was assassinated in 1963. When Lyndon Johnson left office there were in excess of 500,000 U.S. forces in South Vietnam.

I remember vividly standing in the Oval Office with a small number of colleagues while Johnson chewed us out for reporting that the troop commitment was about to exceed that magic number. The president's anger was palpable despite the fact all we had done was quote the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee John Stennis of Mississippi. Johnson did not take lightly having his toes stepped on even by a senior member of his own party.

So it is difficult to believe Barack Obama's insistence that this latest "boots on the ground" return to the turmoil we left only recently after a decade of conflict does not portend anything more than an effort to provide non-combat support to Iraqi forces we obviously

hadn't trained well enough before we left. It is particularly hard to swallow since most every expert one talks to agrees that the air attacks on the ISIS hordes is not enough to stop them.

That seems especially the case since the number of sorties being flown by U.S. jets is well below their capacity, even with the expansion of the attacks into Syria. The significant success of a recent air disruption of an ISIS leadership conference outside of Mosul notwithstanding there is probably a zero chance of thwarting the establishment of a Caliphate without throwing a sizable U.S. or allied ground force with all that entails into the fray.

That, of course, requires a significant financial and emotional commitment from Americans already weary of the Middle East and its religiously motivated and seemingly never ending threats to world peace. It would be easy to predict that if a draft still existed, the rebellions of the 60s and 70s would be in full sway once again.

But then what are we to do? Obama's indecisiveness over this and pressing domestic issues which led to his party's sizable defeat in the Midterms has left us little choice but to prevent the lives lost and the money expended during the years when we probably shouldn't have been there from being among the worst examples of waste in our history—a parallel to Vietnam. This time, there truly is a major threat to U.S. security by an expanding group of head choppers whose goals and philosophy have no real religious foundation as they would have you believe but are rooted in sociopathic and near demonic concepts. These are bad dudes.

This, it seems to me, makes "mission creep" utterly necessary.

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Either we stop this terrorist mass now or risk the spread of fanaticism far beyond anything we've seen in recent history with our own way of life, already disrupted in a dozen ways by 9-11, threatened even more severely.

Is the response necessary to meet the challenge in the next two years? Congress now fully in Republican control come January appears, at first blush anyway, likely to approve the money for the 1,600 new "advisers." Whether further support for more down the road will be forthcoming is one's guess. Mine would be yes if the signs point to absolute need as expected.

Whether Obama is really a six year president or one determined to serve out the next two years of his term as a leader who history will respect remains a major question. At the risk of being accused of hysteria our long term survival may depend on his handling of matters overseas.

# How firms can work on hiring more vets

Hiring veterans is challenging. Are companies hiring for the wrong reasons and overlooking the right ones? Are they using the best processes?

These questions are important as more veterans look for jobs and companies take multiple approaches to hiring them.

Since 1991 more than 30,000 officers and enlisted personnel have found jobs through military recruiting firm Orion ICS in Austin, Texas, according to company President and former Marine Mike Starich. Positions range from sales to technician roles.

"In my experience," Starich said, "companies have struggled to figure out how veterans fit in their own organizations. Many companies are making an effort. I believe they have an obligation to help veterans find the best fit inside a company."

"Companies should be doing more," said Army veteran Andrew White, CEO of Kilroy's GI Contractors, a Dallas construction business that has hired about 15 veterans in seven months.

Kurt Gering, director of talent, culture and capability at the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, said the airport authority's six-month fellowship for two groups of three veterans pays a

\$28,000 salary plus benefits.

During the fellowship, veterans receive career development services, mentoring by veterans already employed there and 24 hours of paid time off for interviewing or activities involving the military.

Army veteran Boris Kogan is beginning to recruit. He's CEO of the startup SwarmBuild in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Tel Aviv, Israel, an online engineering and digital fabrication marketplace.

"If you find a person with the skills you need, startup or not," he said, the veteran will "get it done."

Kogan said that while a veteran who spent four years in the infantry may not have marketable skills, he or she "probably can operate in an environment of stress and ambiguity."

Harley Lippman, CEO of Genesis10, headquartered in New York, has found employment for hundreds of veterans in his IT staffing and consulting company. He has also turned veterans away when they couldn't fit in with his company or client companies. "It's the right thing to do," he said.

As for hiring veterans, he added: "People (who were on) the

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front lines are the most selfless. They're great employees, because they're the boldest. They have to be innovative, quick thinkers, team players."


How can companies make hiring easier? Programs geared toward finding, training and mentoring veterans help. So do job descriptions and checking skills and experience.

Lippman's advice when hiring a vet is to "bet on the person, like investors (do) in startups."

# The Weather

### 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian


TODAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 5 to 15 mph.

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THURSDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

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FRIDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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SATURDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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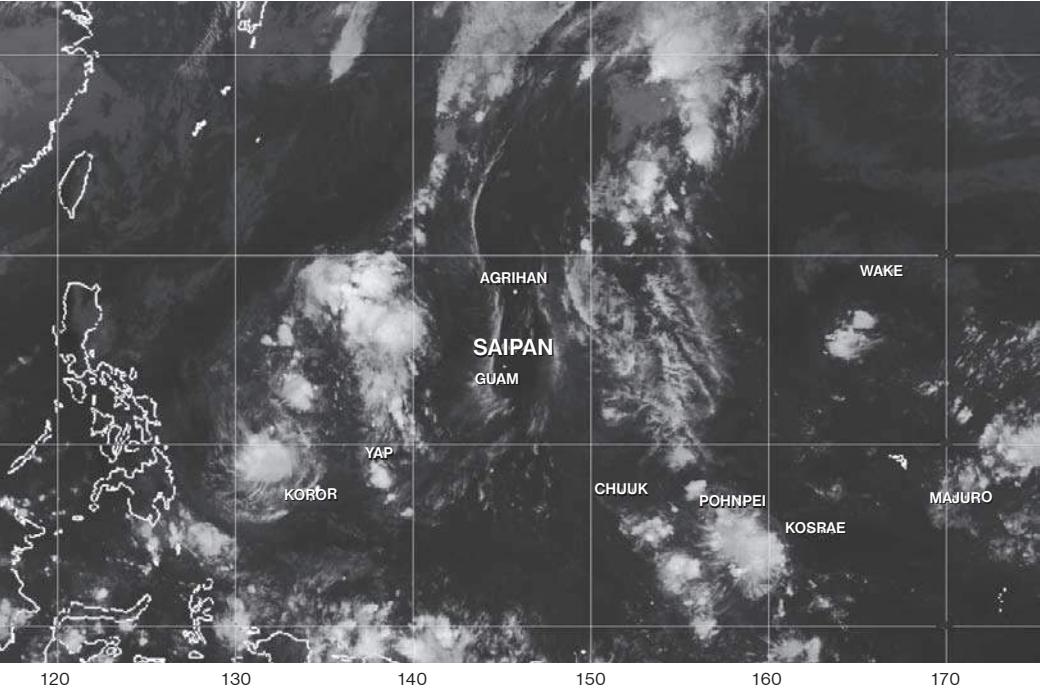
SUNDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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### Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2014

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough extends northwestward from south of Chuuk near 1N151E through a circulation centered north of Koror near 10N134E then continues northward to end near 20N136E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found north of Koror within 130 miles of a line from 8N131E to 17N133E. Isolated thunderstorms are found south of Yap within 50 miles of a line from 9N138E to 6N140E. An upper-level trough curves northeastward from 5N135E through a low centered north of Saipan near 20N144E to end near 24N143E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring west of the Marianas within 160 miles of a line from 20N136E to 10N140E. Isolated thunderstorms are seen near Iwo To island within 50 miles of a line from 21N140E to 25N142E. Another surface trough extends north-northwestward from EQ160E to end near 17N152E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present near Pohnpei and south of Chuuk south of a line from 6N152E to 8N156E to 4N162E. Upper-level divergence is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms near Minami Tori Shima within 120 miles of a line from 25N154E to 20N150E. A surface trough extending northeastward from near 3N169E to beyond the date line at 10N is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms near Majuro east of a line from 17N171E to 13N169E to 8N17E1 to 4N174E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼81

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Rain	▲61	▼51
Beijing	Sunny	▲46	▼31
Hong Kong	Mostly Cloudy	▲74	▼66
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲83	▼71
London	Mostly Cloudy	▲55	▼53
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲68	▼54
Manila	Mostly Sunny	▲88	▼74
Melbourne	Sunny	▲80	▼53
Miami	Sunny	▲81	▼62
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲64	▼53
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲65	▼59
Paris	Mostly Sunny	▲61	▼51
Pusan	Windy	▲59	▼33
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲69	▼58
Salem	Sunny	▲48	▼29
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲62	▼54
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲49	▼28
Tokyo	Showers	▲68	▼53
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲69	▼55



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Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
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12:17 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
6:08 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet
10:19 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	6:17 AM	6:45 PM
Thursday	6:18 AM	5:45 PM
Friday	6:18 AM	5:44 PM
Saturday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM
Sunday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	10:25 PM	10:38 AM
Thursday	11:14 PM	11:22 AM
Friday		12:04 PM
Saturday	12:02 AM	12:44 PM
Sunday	12:49 AM	1:22 PM

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UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:20pm	4:00pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:10pm	4:00pm	2, 4
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:20pm	2:55pm	6, 7
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
UA5039	3:25pm	4:00pm	6, 7
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)			
DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:20pm	7:05pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
OZ606	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:20pm	7:10pm	Daily
7C 3401	4:30pm	8:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)			
MU764A	1:30am	5:30am	4, 7
MU764	1:30am	5:30am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:30am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ606/701	2:10am	11:15am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:40am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5069/PR111	2:45am	4:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/191	4:15am	7:20am	2, 7 via GUM
UA5070/191	4:15am	9:00am	3, 6 via GUM
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UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
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UA5038/183	3:10pm	9:50pm	4 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:20pm	11:50pm	Daily via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
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OZ606/723	2:10am	12:50pm	1 via ICN
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OZ606/723	2:40am	12:50pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
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UA5068/179	8:00am	10:35pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:40am	10:35pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5039/179	2:20pm	10:35pm	6 via Rota-GUM
UA5078/179	3:10pm	10:35pm	1, 5 via GUM
OZ604/749	3:20pm	10:30pm	Daily via ICN

ARRIVALS			
GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	1:00pm	1:50pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:10pm	2:40pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5038	2:05pm	2:40pm	2, 4
PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 7 via NRT
NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ603	9:00am	2:20pm	Daily
7C 3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6
SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:30pm	5:50am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU763A	4:30pm	12:30am+1	3, 6
MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	4, 7
GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:55pm	3:10am+1	1, 5
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
PR110/UA5041	7:35am	6:25pm	1, 5 via GUM
PR110/UA5077	7:35am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM
PR110/UA5043	7:35am	10:10pm	1, 5 via GUM
DL172/288	9:40am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	2, 7 via GUM
UA190/5077	10:00am	8:05pm	3, 6 via GUM
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OZ702/605	12:30pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA184/5071	10:55pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
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UA184/5041	10:59pm	6:25pm+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5077	10:59pm	8:05pm+1	2 via GUM
UA184/5043	10:59pm	10:10pm+1	5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ750/603	1:10am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ722/605	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ724/605	2:20pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:15pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ724/605	2:20pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	10:55pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
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UA180/5077	10:55pm	2:40pm+1	1, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA180/5041	10:55pm	6:25pm+1	1, 5 via GUM
UA180/5077	10:55pm	8:05pm+1	3, 6 via GUM
UA180/5043	10:55pm	10:10pm+1	1, 5 via GUM

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			8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily			
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2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily			
3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily			
4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily			
5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily						
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily						

### ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Message of appreciation

On Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2014, the voting public of the Commonwealth, both on and off island, have spoken and made known their choices and, yes, democracy is still very much at work here in the CNMI, a basic fundamental principle our founding fathers institutionalized for us all. Today, Danny, Andrew Salas, Jess Taisague, Tony Mareham, David Cing, Frank Angel, Vince Cabrera, Nelson Rios, Calistro Reyes, Bruce Iglesias and I are all grateful for the opportunity to participate in the selection of our chief executive, delegate to Congress, senatorial representative, mayoral and precinct level representatives. We are humbled by the support of our citizens who be-

Dear people of the Commonwealth

As a senior member of this community I am saddened and distressed with the direction our Commonwealth is going. It seems that foreign corporations joined by a few local corporations and a handful of opportunistic politicians are prepared to sell the Commonwealth for their own personal gain.

Our Commonwealth is being sold cheaply to foreign interests who have corrupted our system by working with a few local people who will move you with money for their own purpose. They do not care about you. They do not care about the Commonwealth. They do not care that thousands of our people are suffering, hungry, drug-or-gambling-addicted, or that people are being murdered on our islands.

These local lobbyists and former politicians only care about electing IT so that they continue to get jobs and money for themselves and their families. That’s what they care about.

Our people have changed. Our islands will change and not for the good if we keep moving in this direction. For 10 years we have been governed by mostly self-serving politicians and a few but powerful and wealthy business interests. They do not share their wealth. And they want more from you.

Inos’ health is an issue for voters

Inos’ health is an issue unlike what he wants us to believe. I know many may not agree with my arguments or observations, especially the IT voters, but even my critics know I write because I care and I write based on truth and facts. I am worried about our future, which is why I keep injecting myself into the political arena. As a member of the Democratic Party, I campaigned against the incumbents because I witnessed a supreme violation of our governing principle by Inos that disrespected voters and our form of government. I have also seen firsthand the self-interest of the administration prevail over the needs of the people. Now we are all witnessing the deception of our governor about his medical condition that has to be more serious than he is letting on.

The IT team took advantage of the people’s caring side by hiding the governor’s long illness and real condition from the public. The governor’s real health condition has never been described beyond what everyone knows that he is on dialysis, which already severely hampers his ability to travel. No shame there, many people are on dialysis, but it doesn’t end there. The governor was absent from the Commonwealth for over a month to submit to what the administration spokesperson described as a “minor” or “routine medical check-up.” But the stories on the coconut wire describe the governor in much graver health based on what people are seeing with their own eyes.

Have you ever noticed that in the Republican Party waving on the day after the election, the governor was absent? Every photograph shows him sitting in a patio chair or in a chair behind a desk. Even when he is in public recently, he is held up by people on either side. I am sensitive to the privacy of health matters but it was one of Inos’ own supporters who attacked me that brought his health to the forefront and now people can’t stop talking about it, especially the

lieved in the ideas and programs we promoted during our campaign across our great Commonwealth. On behalf of our entire candidates and the leadership of our newly revived party, we’d like to extend our sincerest appreciation to all citizens of the Commonwealth for their participation in the election process. We especially would like to extend our most humble gratitude to our supporters for their faithfulness and unforsaken confidence in us and our commitment to the cause we have undertaken to help make lasting beneficial changes in the lives of our people and the quality of our public services.

While our obvious desire was to collectively win this election, the people have spoken otherwise and we have accepted their choices of candidates and will honor their decision. We extend our personal and sincere congratulations to Governor Inos and Senate President Torres for an impressive election outcome. We extend a similar acknowledgement to former Speaker Hofschneider and Senator Yumul for placing in the top two gubernatorial teams in

We have many problems in the Commonwealth. As a physician I am shocked a the state of the hospital. The hardworking doctors don’t even have adequate medical supplies, medicine, or equipment to deliver adequate care to the islands’ residents. And there aren’t enough doctors, nurses and technicians to serve our population. Those with wealth can go to the Philippines or the United States for treatment but most have to stay here.

I am asking you to hold these people responsible for our problems. Do not give them another chance.

A vote for Eloy Inos and Ralph Torress means we give up on any hope of building a healthy society and surrender instead to a culture of greed and great wealth for some but hardship and pain for many, many more.

I am humbly asking those with a conscience to think about the future of our islands and vote for Heinz S. Hofschneider and Ray N. Yumul in the runoff election. The soul of our islands is at stake. Our future depends on this vote.

**Carlos S. Camacho**  
*Sadog Tasi, Saipan*

older generation who know and can’t be fooled. They are rightfully concerned because Inos is not an ordinary man but a public official who has a responsibility to reveal his condition to the public. The President, members of Congress and governors in other states all show some kind of proof from a doctor about their health but Inos wants to give us his own assessment of his health. His reluctance to tell everything is proof itself that he is hiding something about his health and I’m not stupid and neither are a lot of voters.

Inos is asking us to literally take a chance in him that could leave us with Ralph Torres as our governor and who knows who will be the lieutenant governor. We deserve and need better proof of Inos’ health so we don’t have to guess because if you look at Inos and compare some of his pictures from just six or nine months ago, you can see the difference that something is wrong and you don’t have to be a doctor. But his health is just one of the many deceptions being perpetrated on the people of the Commonwealth, which is why I’m exposing all the details with the devil in them before it is too late! Inos’ health is just another thing on a long list of concerns that are literally screaming apprehension and skepticism to voters about Inos. Voters really need to consider Inos’ health and ask themselves why he is so secretive because your future and our Commonwealth is depending on a sick man who is not being forthright with you.

**PS:** Inos is in the hospital again supposedly for a cough but who really stays in the hospital for a cough. The hospital is an easy way to avoid the forum again but voters are not stupid and God is not sleeping so be careful trying to mislead voters with your phony lip service, governor.

**Ambrose M Bennett**  
*Kagman, Saipan*

Democratic Party chair’s challenge for runoff

In the Nov. 10, 2014, issue of *Saipan Tribune*, it stated that the Democratic Party endorsed the Republican Party gubernatorial candidates for the runoff election this coming Nov. 21, 2014. As the chairman of the Democratic Party, I stand firm that the Central Executive Committee has not met to officially endorse any party or candidates.

Our Commonwealth has a lot of challenges attributed to global and local issues but most importantly from the poor management by our leaders. This is the crucial time that we need to make a decision of which we, the stakeholders of our Commonwealth, will decide who to lead us.

Thank you for the paybacks of the CNMI Employees Credit Union, the refund of the 25 percent pension of the retirees and its 100 percent reinstatement, refund of existing employees that have opted out from the Retirement Program, and the CUC \$635-plus credit. This CUC \$635-plus credit does not solve CUC but solved the election. Why now? Wake up, Marianas, and ask yourselves

the question whether or not this is what you call election benefits. Again, the people have spoken twice not to have casino on Saipan but it went through deaf ears.

As the chairman of the Democratic Party, I have fought issues facing our Commonwealth and I took all of our issues and concerns to heart in deep consideration. Therefore, my people of our Commonwealth, we need to have strong honest leaders that will untangle our Commonwealth from its mess due to our poor economy and leadership.

I remain humble and thank you for your vote of confidence and the change have to start with you this coming runoff election 2014.

May God bless us and our Commonwealth, especially to our veterans

**Rosiky Flores Camacho**  
*Chairman, CNMI Democratic Party*

this four-way race to the Executive Office. Our congratulations also go to former governor Juan Babauta and senator Torres for leading a very competitive campaign.

While we consider the three gubernatorial teams formidable political opponents, Danny and I never lost sight of our Christian values and it was never in our game plan to use destructive politics to malign individual’s dignity by espousing personal dispositions to promote and advance our political interests. Reviewing personal traits of candidates was a matter that appropriately rests with the people to judge for themselves. Losing a good fight is always a disappointing feeling but Danny and I are honored to be a part in putting forth and advocating ideas and programs that would advance and protect the interests and rights of our local people. This opportunity alone is and will forever be an enduring and lasting experience for all of us in the Democratic Party. Once again congratulations to all the victors.

Appeal for support

As we prepare to finish the final stage in our electoral process, the runoff election, we respectfully ask our supporters to join us in extending our support to the Inos/Torres team. As voters you did your duty to try and get the Deleon Guerrero (Tofila) and Quitugua team elected into office, but our people have chosen two other gubernatorial teams instead. As the titular head of our candidates that democratically and unanimously endorsed the Inos/Torres tandem, we appeal for a united effort to do our networking by encouraging one another to vote and get the Inos/Torres elected into office. Of the two gubernatorial candidates, those cultural programs and benefits we have been promoting throughout our campaign for the benefit of our people are best advanced by the successful election of the Inos/Torres team. It is critically important that we all come out and vote. Please have your vote counted by helping the team who has the best chance of winning the runoff election, that gubernatorial team is the Inos/Torres ticket.

**Edward M. Deleon Guerrero (Tofila)**  
**Daniel O. Quitugua**

Restraining order must restrain!

Almost everyday, I read in the newspaper about too much domestic violence, assault and battery taking place. On one hand, so many crime cases are getting dismissed, and on the other, so many cases are getting judged extremely harshly?

Let us take the case of Mr. Raition Datuis. According to the police, this guy beat up his girlfriend and knocked her out. Then this man poured water on her head to bring her back to life. The victim with swollen eyes and scratches all over her face somehow managed to reach the San Antonio Church and pleaded with the priest for help. The preliminary hearing found no trace of assault or battery and the judge dismissed the case!

Another guy, Roberto, got his case in the federal court but the jury rendered a unanimous verdict finding him not guilty of anything and acquitted him of all the charges. This guy allegedly enticed three minor girls to engage in prostitution and tampered a witness while he was in jail and this man is not guilty? Datuis and Roberto, men, are now free as the breeze! Maybe just for their being men?

Another man (again, man!) just ignored the court’s restraining order, repeatedly approaching his ex-girlfriend. The police had to arrest James Delos Reyes for violating the court’s order. This case resembles the case of my daughter, Carmelita Guiao, where the so called victim guy violated the restraining order as well.

In the both cases, one side violated the restraining order. Reyes is in jail but why was the guy who had been ordered by the court not to approach my daughter allowed to keep violating this order to his heart’s content?

When he approached the last time, the incident that poisoned my daughter’s life for 20 years took place! At that moment, he was violating the restraining order! Why was the same violation of a restraining order handled so differently and against my daughter’s right to be free of his unwanted and dangerous visits? I see it as discrimination based on gender. Why was this fundamental violation of the restraining order by that guy forgotten, never mentioned, and considered properly? Maybe because he is a man?

Dear powerholders, please do something to return to that violation of the restraining order! My daughter’s freedom depends on it, her getting united with her five children depends on it, our women’s future not getting jailed based on Carmelita’s case depends on it. Please!

Dear powerholders, most of you are men of valory, dignity, and integrity. You want a restraining order to be really restraining. Please protect our women from this kind of harshnesses. Let our women raise our children free of unfairness and of finding themselves isolated from the family and society for no reason.

**Teddy Guiao**  
*Navy Hill, Saipan*

# 2014 Real World Design Challenge



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The Real World Design Challenge Pacific State winners, the Aeronautical Dolphins from Marianas High School, will depart this morning, Nov. 12, 2014, to compete in the National Challenge Event on Saturday, Nov. 16, 2014 in Washington, D.C. Back row, from left: Jun Young Kim, Mobtasim Alam, Esther Choi, and teacher-coach John Raulerson. Front row, from left, MHS principal Cherlyn Cabrera, Jessica Bigueras, Regina Go, and Roselie Agulto. Not pictured is Jill Ann Arada, currently in college, who will join the team for the competition in Washington, D.C.



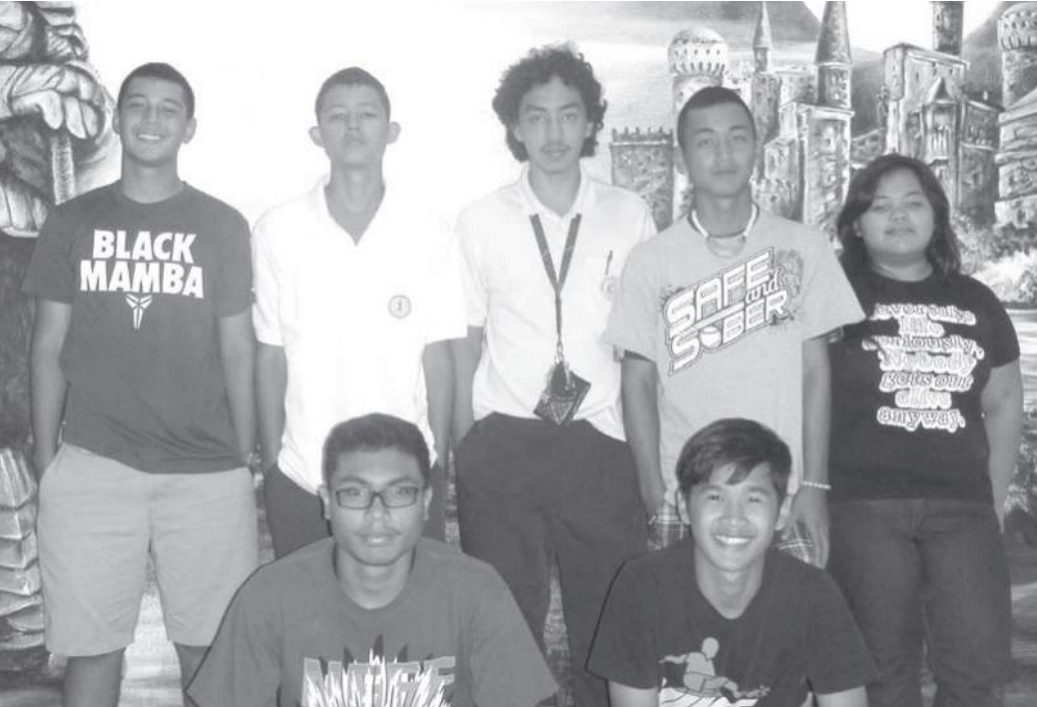
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The MHS Aeronautical Dolphins show off their certificates after being named the winner of the 2014 Real World Design Challenge state level competition.



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The Mt. Carmel School team dubbed KON-52 wins second place in the 2014 Real World Design Challenge state level competition.



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The Mt. Carmel School team dubbed Aviator Knights win third place in the 2014 Real World Design Challenge state level competition.



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Members of the Aeronautical Dolphins pose with coach John Raulerson and MHS principal Cherlyn Cabrera.

Members of the Aeronautical Dolphins pose with Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan and RWDC State Coordinator Jeaniffer Cubangbang.



# Racoma and Castro win Pacifica Insurance art contest

A student from Saipan Southern High School and Saipan International School bested close to 100 art entries in Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Inc.'s Pacifica Art Contest after placing first place in their respective categories.

Saipan International School's Jaden Castro, 9, won first place in the 6-11 category, while Saipan Southern High School's Abby Racoma, 17, won in her 12-17 year old category.

Both winners received \$200 cash, a gift basket, and other prizes.

Other winners ranked under the Top 5 list include:

## ■ 6-11 YEAR OLD CATEGORY

■ 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Vidal Camacho, 6, Mount Carmel School

■ 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Sarah Yoon, 10, Saipan Community School

■ 4<sup>th</sup> place: Seung Won Lee, 10, Saipan Community School

■ 5<sup>th</sup> place: Tina Zhen, 11, Saipan Community School

## ■ 12-17 YEAR OLD CATEGORY

■ 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Jieun Bang, 17, Mount Carmel School

■ 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Tricia Salcedo, 12, William S Reyes Elementary School

■ 4<sup>th</sup> place: Mikeala San Nicolas, 16, Kagman High School

■ 5<sup>th</sup> place: Angelyn Labadan, 17, Marianas High School

Students from various private and public schools participated in the contest. There were a total of 96 submissions: 37 entries for the 12-17 category division and 59 for the 6-11 for category division.

"I am overjoyed by the response we received from participants. The close to 100 entries were professional and phenomenal," said EVP/GM Shirley Sablan.



Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Inc. executive vice president Shirley Sablan, third from left, presents \$200 and other prizes to the company's category one division winner, 9-year-old Jaden Castro, third from right, a student of Saipan International School. Also in the photo are SIS business office manager Mili Saiki and teacher Kathy Ruszala, both on left, headmaster Tim Bray, far right, and a Pacifica staff member.

Artists were asked to create an original art piece centered around the slogan "Rest assured, it's Christmas." Permitted mediums included water paint, oil-based paint, pastels, crayons, and pencils. Maximum dimensions were 18 inches by 24 inches.

The judging panel included

Northern Marianas College external relations director Frankie Eliptico, Boardline manager Soledad Tenorio, and Sweet Escape executive baker Raymond "Seiji" Sonoda.

"With varying backgrounds and a strong emphasis on marketing and the arts, I feel we have chosen the best of the best

in helping us determine our two winners," said Sablan. "I am indebted to our judges for their dedication and time".

According to Sablan, they plan to make the art contest an annual tradition for Pacifica Insurance.

The artwork of all winners listed in the Top 5 will be made



Nine-year-old Jaden Castro's winning piece.



Abby Racoma's award-winning piece.



Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Inc. executive vice president Shirley Sablan, front right, presents a \$200 cash prize, a gift basket, and a certificate to the winner of Pacifica Art Contest category two division, Saipan Southern High School's Abby Racoma, front middle. Also in the photo are Pacifica's interns Brooke Ong and James Castro, far left, staff member Janel Pangelinan, back center, and SSHS' William DeWitt, far right.

available for viewing on their art contest web page [www.pacificains.com/artcontest](http://www.pacificains.com/artcontest) and the company's Facebook social media page, [facebook.com/pacificainsuranceunderwriters](https://www.facebook.com/pacificainsuranceunderwriters).

For information about the Pacifica Art Contest, call 670-234-6267/7722/7310 or email [piui@pacificains.com](mailto:piui@pacificains.com). Pacifica Insurance is located at the Joten Center in Susupe. (PR)

## Business

# United pledges support for Guardsmen and Reservists



UNITED  
Flanked by veterans and members of the uniformed services, United Airlines Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Jeff Smisek signed a Statement of Support affirming the company's commitment to the National Guard and Reserves.

**CHICAGO**—Flanked by veterans and members of the uniformed services, United Airlines chairman, president and chief executive officer Jeff Smisek signed yesterday a Statement of Support affirming the company's commitment to the National Guard and Reserves. More than 150 United employees, many of whom are veterans or currently serve in a Guard or Reserve unit, were on hand for the signing ceremony at the airline's headquarters in Chicago.

"At United, we are honored to have thousands of brave men and women throughout our company who served or are currently serving in the military," said Smisek. "We take great pride in the training and professionalism they bring to the job every day and are forever grateful for their contributions to our nation."

By signing the Statement of Support, United pledged to:

- Appreciate the values, leadership and unique skills service members bring to the workforce while encouraging opportunities to hire Guardsmen, Reservists and veterans.

- Fully recognize, honor and enforce the Uniformed Services

Employment and Re-Employment Rights Act.

- Provide managers and supervisors the tools they need to effectively manage employees who serve in the Guard and Reserve.

- Continually recognize and support our country's service members and their families in peace, crises and war.

"Today, supportive employers are critical to maintaining the strength and readiness of the nation's Guard and Reserve units," said Tom Bullcock, chief of employer outreach for the U.S. Department of Defense's office of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. "United is setting a high standard for all employers to follow by providing above and beyond support of veterans, Guardsmen and Reservists."

### United and veterans

United partners with several organizations dedicated to improving the lives of veterans, active service members and their families. The airline and its employees provide financial support, travel benefits, job training and hundreds of

volunteer hours to prominent national and regional nonprofits including the Fisher House Foundation, Ride 2 Recovery, the Wounded Warrior Project, the USO and the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. The airline is also a member of the 100,000 Jobs Mission Coalition—a group of leading companies committed to hiring veterans as they return to civilian life.

United offers a wide range of policies and programs designed to support employees who served in the military. Last year, for instance, United launched an internal Business Resource Group—United for Veterans—composed of employee volunteers who provide additional resources and growth opportunities to veterans across the airline.

United also recently unveiled a new onboard video thanking veterans for their service and highlighting their importance to the company. The video, which appears on United aircraft over the next few weeks, features several employees who ascended to leadership roles at the airline thanks, in part, to the skills and training they received through the military. (United)

## McDonald's recalls Happy Meal toy for choking risk

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—McDonald's is recalling a Hello Kitty-themed whistle given to children in Happy Meals, citing a chance they could choke on some of its parts.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission said Monday that two children have reportedly coughed out pieces of the whistle that they had sucked into their

mouths, including one child who received medical attention.

The safety agency said that parts of the three-inch-tall "Hello Kitty Birthday Lollipop" whistle can detach and be inhaled, posing a risk to small children.

McDonald's said about 2.5 million whistles were manufactured, but most were not sent to

restaurants. The fast-food chain said it has recovered about 1.6 million whistles, including toys that never made it to its stores.

The toys were in Happy Meals and Mighty Kids Meals in the U.S. and Canada in October and November.

Consumers should return the whistle to any McDonald's for a free replacement toy.

## Nation

# Escaping the wealth disparity can mean fleeing hometowns

**DANVILLE, Ill.** (AP)—This Illinois city already was struggling when Tara Holycross and her friends were kids riding their bikes to Custard Cup, swimming at the park district pool and hanging out in the Wendy's parking lot.

Manufacturers that provided thousands of well-paying, middle-class jobs—General Motors, General Electric, Hyster—were closing. Neighborhoods were crumbling. By the time Holycross graduated from high school in 2004, a city best known for its massive downtown grain elevator was scrambling to create new opportunities.

Ten years later, this city of 32,500 still is struggling. But Holycross and some of her classmates are doing just fine—because they moved.

They're doctors and athletic trainers, software specialists and financial advisers. They're living all over the country—from Chicago to Charleston, South Carolina, to Boulder, Colorado—where they found solid jobs that reward the kind of education they have. Holycross and four classmates interviewed said about half of their class of fewer than 50 left town, and those they're in touch with landed good positions.

"I knew there wasn't an opportunity for me to have my career" in Danville, said Holycross, 28, a third-generation native who now works as an athletic trainer in Beloit, Wis., about 90 miles northwest of Chicago.

Their experience is a counterpoint to the desperation gripping so many rural and manufacturing communities in the Midwest hard hit by global economic changes. The flow of educated workers from struggling communities to areas with brighter job opportunities might, to some extent, help shore up the middle class, which has been squeezed by a widening gap between the

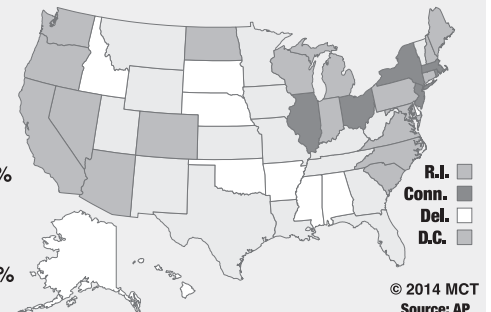
### Increasing income inequality

Since 1979, states in the Northeast have recorded the largest increase in the wealth gap as fewer people control higher amounts of state income.

#### Widening gap

Percent change in income inequality, 1979-2012\*

Less than 11%  
11-14.9%  
15-18.9%  
More than 19%



\*Based on the Gini index

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Source: AP

richest Americans and everyone else.

Since roughly 1980, income has grown most for the top earners and dropped for the poorest 20 percent. Incomes for the highest-earning 1 percent of Americans soared 31 percent from 2009 through 2012, after adjusting for inflation, according to data compiled by Emmanuel Saez, a University of California economist. For everyone else, it barely budged.

While Wall Street traders and software CEOs soared to enormous affluence, waves of people fell out of the middle class as manufacturing's share of the economy shrank. Following the downside arc of the wealth gap was inevitable for many who stayed in stricken factory towns. For others, though, escaping meant separating their own fate from that of their hometowns.

Between 2012 and 2013, more than 26.7 million people age 18 and over moved—17.3 million of them to a different county. Those in their 20s and 30s with a college degree were most likely to move for job reasons and to move the farthest. In that period, people poured out of declining cities such as Detroit, whose population dropped by almost 10,000, and into economic hot spots such as San Antonio, which grew by 25,378.

The trend of more-educated

people moving and less-educated staying began to emerge several years ago. A Census Bureau study found that more than half of highly educated workers who moved between 2005 and 2010 left their counties. By contrast, 70 percent of people without high school diplomas who moved did so within the same county.

Decades ago, many unskilled workers were able to migrate to better conditions elsewhere. But good blue-collar jobs are now harder to find anywhere.

"If we pushed someone who's stayed in Detroit to suddenly hit the road and move to Chicago, would that person suddenly do better? Or has that person stayed behind exactly because he or she can't find a good-paying job in Chicago?" said Danny Yagan, a University of California economist who studies mobility.

There's no comprehensive data contrasting the financial fortunes of those who have stayed in place and those who have left. But the partial glimpses available are revealing.

A survey of nearly 3,000 2012 graduates of 15 public universities in Michigan—a state especially afflicted by manufacturing's decline—found that 37 percent were living in another state a year



AP  
In this May 12, 2014 photo, Tara Holycross works with a patient at Beloit Health System Occupational Medicine and Sports Medicine in Beloit, Wis.

# Asia

## China uses APEC to boost regional role



U.S. President Barack Obama, left, shakes hands with Chinese President Xi Jinping during a welcome ceremony for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit at the International Convention Center in Yanqi Lake, Beijing, China Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014. AP

By **JOE McDONALD**  
AP BUSINESS WRITER

**HUAIROU, China (AP)**—China is trying to boost its status as a regional power during a summit of world leaders by launching a rapid-fire series of trade and finance pacts that might dilute U.S. influence.

Opening Tuesday's Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit, Chinese President Xi Jinping urged the 21 economies present to push ahead with regional economic integration and other efforts to promote business ties.

"Clarify the goal, the direction, the road map," Xi told the other leaders including President Barack Obama and Russia's Vladimir Putin. "At an early date, let prospects become reality and make the two sides of the Pacific highly open and integrated."

On the eve of the gathering, Beijing announced a free-trade agreement Monday with South Korea. Also Monday, regulators

approved a plan to open Chinese stock markets wider to foreign investors by linking exchanges in Hong Kong and Shanghai. That followed the weekend announcement of a \$40 billion Chinese-financed fund to improve trade links between Asian economies.

At the summit, China is promoting its own regional free-trade pact, despite U.S. pressure to make progress on other initiatives. It is the first time Beijing has taken the lead in promoting a multinational trade agreement.

The moves reflect Beijing's insistence on having a bigger role in what it sees as U.S.-dominated economic and security structures to reflect China's status as the world's second-biggest economy.

China says its motives are benign. But its growing economic weight as the top trading partner for most of its neighbors from South Korea to Australia could erode U.S. influence.

"We are duty-bound to create and fulfill an Asia-Pacific dream for our people," Xi said Sunday

in a speech at a business conference ahead of APEC.

APEC is the first major international gathering in China since Xi took power, and the presence of world leaders gives Beijing a platform to lobby for a bigger leadership role.

On Monday, Xi met Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and shared an awkward handshake seen as a gesture toward easing two years of tensions between Asia's biggest economies.

A spat between China and Japan over islands in the East China Sea and other issues has raised fears of a military confrontation, which could draw in the United States, Japan's ally. On Friday, the two sides issued a joint statement agreeing to gradually resume political, diplomatic and security dialogues.

Also this year, Beijing joined 20 other Asian countries in launching a regional development bank, despite U.S. objections that it needlessly duplicated the World Bank's work.

the South fired warning shots, the officials said.

The incident happened inside the 4-kilometer (2.5-mile)-wide Demilitarized Zone that was created when the 1950-53 Korean War ended with an armistice.

Tensions between the Koreas remain high following two incidents last month involving exchanges of gunfire, although no casualties were reported in either one.

In the first incident, troops from the two countries traded gunfire over propaganda leaflets South Korean activists sent across the border by balloon. In the second, North Korean soldiers were seen too close to the border, triggering a gunfire exchange. North Korea said its soldiers were engaging in routine patrol missions.

At the center of the recent animosities is North Korea's demand that South Korea prevent activists from launching the

anti-North leaflets. South Korea has said it cannot do so, citing freedom of speech.

The conflict over the leafletting appears to have derailed talks on a high-level meeting between the two Koreas, which had been offered by North Korea during the September Asian Games and had been discussed for October or November.

Over the weekend, North Korea released the last two Americans it has been detaining—Matthew Miller of Bakersfield, California, and Kenneth Bae of Lynnwood, Washington—in a move widely seen as an attempt to break a long deadlock with the U.S. over talks on the North's nuclear program.

The Korean Peninsula remains in a technical state of war because the Korean War armistice has never been replaced with a peace treaty.

# World

## Suicide bomber kills 48 in Nigeria

**POTISKUM, Nigeria (AP)**—Disguised in a school uniform, a suicide bomber set off explosives hidden in a backpack during an assembly Monday at a high school in northern Nigeria, killing at least 48 students and wounding 79 others.

It was the latest attack by suspected Boko Haram militants who kidnapped more than 200 schoolgirls earlier this year.

Soldiers rushed to the grisly scene, spattered with body parts, but were chased away by a stone-throwing crowd angry at the military's inability to halt a 5-year-old Islamic insurgency that has targeted schools and killed thousands.

The Islamic militants—whose name means "Western education is sinful" in the local Hausa language—have intensified the tempo and deadliness of attacks since the government announced last month that the group had agreed to a cease-fire and that the schoolgirls would

be released imminently. Boko Haram's leader has denied any cease-fire deal and the girls have not been set free.

Monday's bombing came one week after a suicide attack in Potiskum, the capital of Yobe state, killed 30 people taking part in a religious procession by moderate Muslims.

Some 2,000 students had gathered for a weekly assembly at the Government Technical Science College when the explosion ripped through the school hall, survivors said.

"We were waiting for the principal to address us, around 7:30 a.m., when we heard a deafening sound and I was blown off my feet. People started screaming and running. I saw blood all over my body," 17-year-old student Musa Ibrahim Yahaya said from his hospital bed, where he was being treated for head wounds.

Survivors said the bomber hid the explosives in a type of backpack popular with students.

Months ago Nigeria's military reported finding a bomb factory where explosives were being sewn into backpacks in the northern city of Kano.

Hospital records showed 48 bodies and many body parts were brought to the morgue. Seventy-nine students were admitted, many with serious injuries that may require amputations, health workers said. The hospital was so overcrowded that some patients were crammed two to a bed.

The victims all appeared to be between the ages of 11 and 20, a morgue attendant said.

The U.S. strongly condemned the attack.

"Our sympathies and thoughts are with the victims and their families of these latest egregious assaults on innocent civilians by those bent on fomenting violence, extremism and insecurity in northeastern Nigeria and the region," U.S. State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki told reporters in Washington.



People are treated at the General hospital in Potiskum, Nigeria, Monday, Nov. 10, 2014, following a suicide bomb attack at Government Science Technical College Potiskum. AP

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Assailants kill 1, wound 3 in Israel, West Bank

**JERUSALEM (AP)**—Palestinian assailants carried out stabbing attacks Monday in Tel Aviv and the West Bank, police said, killing an Israeli woman and a soldier as a wave of Arab unrest appeared to be gaining strength. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu promised a harsh response—a confrontational strategy that risks deepening weeks of turmoil that has shaken the country. With the attacks believed to be the work of lone assailants, however, police could have a tough time preventing more of them.

#### Ebola finds new hotspots outside Liberian capital

**JENEWONDE, Liberia (AP)**—A schoolteacher brought his sick daughter from Liberia's capital to this small town of 300 people. Soon he and his entire family were dead and buried in the forest nearby, along with an increasing number of residents. The community of Jenewonde has become a new hotspot for the Ebola outbreak in Liberia. With cases on the

decline in the capital, officials must now turn their attention to hard-to-reach places where the disease is flaring. Jenewonde, in Grand Cape Mount County near the border with Sierra Leone, has reportedly lost about 10 percent of its population to Ebola since late September. Markets and farms nearby have been abandoned.

#### Syrian air raids kill at least 21 in IS-held town

**BEIRUT (AP)**—Syrian government helicopters and warplanes carried out a series of airstrikes overnight on a northern town controlled by the Islamic State group, killing at least 21 people, activists said Sunday. The air raids struck the town of al-Bab in Aleppo province late Saturday and lasted through early Sunday morning. The Aleppo Media Center activist collective and the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights both reported the attacks. Observatory director Rami Abdurrahman said there were 10 strikes in total, including seven so-called barrel bombs dropped from helicopters. He said at least 21 people were killed and more than 100 wounded.

# Good Housekeeping

## What to know before you have a plumbing emergency

By **ANGIE HICKS**  
ANGIE'S LIST

Plumbing has always been one of the most frequently searched categories on Angie's List. Naturally, if the sink is stopped up or the commode's kaput, you want it fixed, and fast.

That's why I advise homeowners to establish—before an emergency—a connection with a highly rated local plumber. I also urge you to find your home's main water shutoff valve (it's usually near the water meter, by the way). Quickly turning off water to your home could forestall extensive water

damage from a leak or overflow that isn't stopped by shutting off an individual toilet or appliance's water supply.

The immediate need to restore plumbing service can leave an unprepared consumer susceptible to scams. Here are some red flags to watch out for:

Unusually low bids. If a contractor doesn't provide the full cost, he or she may later ask for more money to complete the job.

No contract. Without a written estimate and detailed contract, a contractor could try to inflate the price. Don't sign a contract unless it specifies all pertinent details, including how much will

be paid and when. Be aware that some states limit the amount of money a contractor can accept upfront; 10 percent is the limit in California, for example.

Scare tactics and high pressure. Beware of contractors who try to rush you into costly action to avoid a crisis, such as a sewer overflow. In most cases, you can avoid or reduce damage by shutting off water to the home. In general, when faced with a high-pressure pitch, take time to get another opinion.

Using low-quality materials while charging for better. Make sure the materials you pay for are what you expected. For ex-

ample, cross-linked polyethylene (PEX) piping and copper tubing costs more than other types because they're considered higher quality. A contractor might promise to use top-flight parts and may charge for them, but actually install lower-quality items. If you have any reason for doubt, ask for a parts list and check prices of similar items online or at a store. Or, compare the brand and type of materials on the invoice with what's actually used.

Planting evidence. We've heard stories of workers operating in pairs, with one talking to the customer while the other creates "evidence" of a broken sewer pipe. In a related practice, some show you video "proof" of a problem, but the images

they provide show an entirely different system. To avoid this, ask a technician to videotape something identifiable near your sewer cleanout. Hire only contractors with proven records of consumer satisfaction.

Always follow the tried-and-true advice of hiring only contractors who are appropriately licensed, insured and bonded and who have positive consumer reviews on a trusted online site.

### THIS IS HAMMER

## Is drywall OK for ceramic backsplash?

By **SAMANTHA MAZZOTTA**  
KING FEATURES SYND., INC.

**Q: I want to live up the backsplash behind my kitchen sink by adding ceramic tile. But a friend told me the wrong kind of wallboard is up there and that the tile will just fall off. What is he talking about? Can I tile directly on the painted surface?—Kari A., Valdosta, Ga.**

**A:** What your friend probably is saying is that the backsplash behind the sink is standard wallboard (also known as drywall or sheetrock), which doesn't play nice with water. Areas of the house that have tile and see a lot of water being splashed around, along with high humidity (like the bathroom), use cementboard rather than wallboard.

However, most backsplashes are simply regular wallboard that's been painted over. Unless you're soaking the backsplash in water from the sprayer attachment, this area likely deals with only occasional sprinkles and splashes. You should be able to decorate this area with ceramic tile, and the wallboard should hold up just fine.

Because the tile is going onto a vertical surface, you should attach the tiles with tile mastic, rather than thin-set mortar. The mastic will adhere faster to the surface, reducing the chance that the tiles

will slip down out of place.

Here are a few more tips to make the job easier and faster:

- Before starting, measure the dimensions of the backsplash area. Then, sketch out the design you'd like.

- Dry-fit tiles beforehand by laying them on a sheet of paper cut to the same height and width as the backsplash area, to make sure the pattern will work and to set the tile spacing (use plastic spacers to create even gaps between each tile).

- Mark the exact center point of your planned backsplash pattern on the wall. Then use a level to draw a straight vertical line through the center of that point (also known as a plumb line).

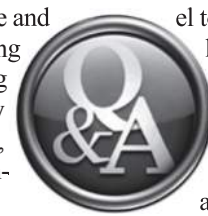
- Place the laid-out tiles within reach along with your supplies.

Working from the bottom up, load the trowel with mastic. Spread the mastic across a section of the backsplash in a sweeping motion.

- When placing the tile, again work from the bottom of the backsplash upward. Place spacers between the tiles to maintain the gap needed to add grout.

- Cut tiles to fit when needed, not beforehand, so that you can get a precise measurement.

**HOME TIP:** Run a bead of caulk along the base of a tiled backsplash to provide extra protection from water that may pool on the counter.



### IN LOVING MEMORY OF

† *Elsie Lynne  
Cepeda  
Fejeran*

Born to Life on August 4, 1968  
Called to Eternal Life on November 3, 2014

#### Predeceased by:

**Husband:** Vincent Fejeran  
**Father:** Calistro Kelly Sablan Cepeda  
**Father in law:** Leon Taitingfong Camacho  
**Mother in law:** Visitacion Babauta Mendiola Camacho  
**Brother:** Leonard John Cabrera Cepeda  
**Sister:** Delia Ann Cabrera Cepeda  
**Brother in law:** Herbert Mendiola Camacho  
**Sister in law:** Thomasa Manglona Camacho

#### Survived by:

**Husband:** Pressciardo Mendiola Camacho  
**Children:** Vernon John Cepeda Fejeran & Trudy Ann Atalig (Viahnie Jayde, Viarah Jul)  
Alexis Jude Cepeda Fejeran & Hermy 'Oma' Marie Sablan (Kyleiah Faith)  
Bryanna Lynn Cepeda Camacho, Pressel Jean Cepeda Camacho.

**Mother:** Eugenia Cabrera Cepeda  
**Brother:** Raymond Randy C. Cepeda (Sinahi-Ray, Krissy, Kahi)  
**Sisters:** Leonora Lee C. & Filimon Camacho (Wendy Jenine, Kaitleen, Leonard)  
Jordanna Lena C. & Boutsaba Sonthixy (Vida)

**Nieces, Nephews:** Cezanne Manalo, Christy Manalo, Chloe Manalo, Colin Palacios, Jonathan Palacios

#### Sisters/Brothers In-Law:

Remedio C. Bowie & Children, George M. Camacho & Children, Janet C./Juan Lizama & Children, Cynthia C./Ricardo Taisacan & Children, Rita C./Herman Santos & Children, Ana C./Antonio De Leon Guerrero, Jeanadina C./Cristin Dela Cruz & Children, Barbara C./Elias Borja & Children, Edith C./Joaquin Tudela & Children, Sandra C./Benjamin Manglona & Children, Melvin M. Camacho/Lizette & Children, Rachel M. Camacho and daughter.

*She is additionally survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.*

Daily Rosary and Mass is celebrated at Santa Soledad Parish at 6:00 pm.

On Thursday, November 13, 2014, her remains will be escorted from Borja Funeral Home at 7:30 am to Asteo, residence of her mother Eugenia Cabrera Cepeda for Responso, Rosary and Viewing. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Santa Soledad Parish at 3:00 pm. Interment service will follow at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Si Yuus Maase - Thank You

**Pressciardo M. Camacho and children**



# Life & Style

## NY agency notes many clinic errors in Rivers' treatment

**ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)**—A New York City clinic where Joan Rivers suffered a fatal complication during a medical procedure made several errors, including failing to keep proper medication records and snapping cellphone photos of her while she was unconscious, state health investigators said Monday.

Rivers, who was 81, died Sept. 4. New York City's medical examiner found she died of brain damage due to lack of oxygen after she stopped breathing during an endoscopy days earlier.

A report released by the state Department of Health on Monday cited Yorkville Endoscopy for numerous deficiencies related to the Rivers case, although negligence is not alleged. The comedian's death was classified as a therapeutic complication.

As a result of the state investigation, the federal Department of Health and Human Services has given Yorkville Endoscopy until Jan. 7 to correct deficiencies to avoid losing Medicare accreditation.

In a statement to NBC News

on Monday, Yorkville said it has submitted a plan to state and federal accreditation agencies addressing all issues raised. It said the physicians referenced in the report no longer provide services there.

The state report said the Manhattan clinic "failed to identify deteriorating vital signs and provide timely intervention" in Rivers' case.

Investigators found conflicting information in Rivers' medical records regarding the amount of the sedation drug Propofol she was administered and about the time resuscitation was initiated. They also faulted the clinic for allowing a surgeon who was not a member of the medical staff to perform two nose and throat scoping procedures.

Investigators also noted that a staff member took cellphone photos of Rivers and a surgeon while she was under anesthesia without her consent and in violation of the facility's cellphone policy.

This Oct. 5, 2009 file photo shows Joan Rivers posing as she presents "Comedy Roast with Joan Rivers" during the 25th MIPCOM (International Film and Programme Market for TV, Video, Cable and Satellite) in Cannes, southeastern France.

AP



## All-star cast honors Bill Clinton for jazz advocacy

By **CHARLES J. GANS**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Former President Bill Clinton spoke out on behalf of "frustrated jazz musicians" like himself as he accepted an honorary award for his decades of jazz advocacy.

Clinton was presented the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz's Maria Fisher Founder's Award on Sunday during an all-star gala concert at the Dolby Theater in Los Angeles. Quincy Jones and Herbie Hancock presented the honorary award to the former leader of The Three Kings jazz trio from Hot Springs (Arkansas) High School, praising Clinton for showcasing jazz at the White House during his presidency.

In accepting the award, Clinton cited the nonprofit Monk Institute's efforts to give countless young people in schools a chance to learn about and play jazz.

"Most of them won't be jazz musicians, but sometimes frustrated jazz musicians wind up with another life that works out pretty well," Clinton said with a laugh.

Clinton recalled his own experience growing up in Arkansas: starting to play the saxophone at age 9, going to summer camp and playing 12 hours a day until his lips bled, playing the grooves off of 33 rpm records and reading Downbeat magazine cover to cover.

"I could not stand to hear myself play until I was 15. By the time I was 16, I thought I was getting pretty good and I looked in the mirror and I said, 'Would you ever be (John) Coltrane?' and the answer was no. So I had to become a fan."

An all-star band, including saxophonists Wayne Shorter, Jimmy Heath and Joshua Redman, played "Flying Home" before Clinton accepted the award. And after his remarks, singer Dianne Reeves serenaded Clinton with the Gershwin's tune "Love Is Here to Stay."

Other musical highlights included Kevin Spacey making like Frank Sinatra as he sang "Fly Me to the Moon," Pharrell Williams teaming with Hancock to do a jazzy version of his hit "Happy"; and John Mayer and Taj Mahal performing Mississippi Delta Blues legend Robert Johnson's "Dust My Broom."

The concert included the finals of the Thelonious Monk International Jazz Competition, which this year was devoted to trumpeters. Marquis Hill, of Chicago, was declared the first-place winner by the panel of judges after performing the standards "If I Were a Bell" and "Polka Dots and Moonbeams." As the winner, he received a \$25,000 scholarship and a recording contract with the Concord Music Group.

## DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

### †JESUS TAITANO ALDAN

fondly known as "Uncle Chu"

Born: July 31, 1949 • Death: November 5, 2014

*In his new life, Jesus will be met at the gates of heaven by his*

**Parents:** Jesus Aguan Aldan & Rosa Ilo Taitano Aldan  
**Reared Parents:** Vicente Matagolai & Isabel Taitano Olupomar  
**Parents In-Law:** Juan Villagomez Benavente & Rita Cepeda Benavente

**Brothers & Sisters:** Maria Taitano, Daniel Taitano, Teodoru Taitano, Cornelio T. Castro, Ferrmina C. Palacios, Joaquin T. Aldan, David T. Aldan & Juan T. Aldan

**Sisters In-Law:** Sylveria B. Mendiola, Dolores B. Salas & Maria N. Aldan

**Brothers In-Law:** Jacinto B. Mendiola, Jose DLG. Sablan, Allen Cameron, Modesto A. Salas, Luis C. Benavente

*His Loving memories will forever live in the hearts of his*

**Wife:** Teresita Benavente Aldan  
**Children:** Nerissa C. Benavente (Jaeleen Naomi)  
**Jesse (Kaching) & Ignatia C. Aldan** (Colleen Joyce/Ben, John Gregory, John Anthony, Tiana Rose & Jesse John (Champ))  
**Erica & Philip M. Camacho**  
**Jason Aldan & Christie Sablan** (Caleb John)  
**Reared Son: Keiji & Nagisa Takeda** (Keala Roxy & Nalani Aiko)

#### BROTHERS/SISTERS and SPOUSES:

Joaquina V. Castro  
Francisco Palacios "Dino"  
Jose & Margarita Castro  
Escolastica & Francisco Agulto  
Juliana & Juan Cabrera  
Vicente & Dolores Aldan  
Augustin & Olivia Aldan

#### BROTHERS/SISTERS-IN-LAW and SPOUSES:

Maria B. Sablan  
Trinidad B. Cameron  
Fernando & Lorna Benavente  
Ignacios & Evelyn S. Benavente  
Katherine S. Benavente  
Roman & Andrea Benavente  
Nathania Maui

*Numerous aunts, uncles, cousin, nieces, nephew and friends will also miss him dearly.*

Daily Mass is being offered at 6:00pm followed by Rosary at 7:00pm at St. Jude Church and will continue until November 14, 2014. For November 08, mass will be offered at 7:00am and rosary at 7:00pm and on November 09, mass will be at 10:00am and rosary at 7:00pm.

On Saturday, November 15, 2014 at 7:30am, he will be escorted from Borja Funeral Home to Mount Carmel Cathedral for Responso, followed by Rosary and viewing.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am followed by interment service at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Your thoughts, prayers, support and words of comfort are sincerely appreciated.

**Teresita (Terry) B. Aldan and Children**

# Nyong'o, Cox, Clinton honored by Glamour magazine

NEW YORK (AP)—In a night that was all about empowerment, actresses Lupita Nyong'o and Laverne Cox, fashion designer Sarah Burton, U.N. Ambassador Samantha Power and Chelsea Clinton were among those awarded Women of the Year awards by Glamour magazine.

The awards were presented in a star-studded ceremony Monday evening at Carnegie Hall.

Hillary Clinton joined daughter Chelsea for her first evening out since the birth of daughter Charlotte Clinton Mezvinsky on Sept. 26.

"I had sort of wondered if I'd get to wear a fancy dress and high-heeled shoes again," Clinton said, drawing laughter and applause from the crowd.

Clinton was honored for her work with the Bill, Hillary & Chelsea Clinton Foundation. Glamour also cited her work on a partnership between the Clinton Foundation and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to



Jodie Foster speaks at the 2014 Glamour Women of the Year Awards, hosted by L'Oreal Paris, at Carnegie Hall on Monday, Nov. 10, 2014, in New York.

encourage achievement among women and girls across the world. That commitment, Clinton said, was only strengthened by becoming a mother.

"I want Charlotte to grow up to be whatever she dreams to be, wherever she dreams to be it,"

Clinton said.

Nyong'o, whose mother offered congratulations on a pre-taped video, won a supporting-actress Oscar for her performance in "Twelve Years a Slave," capping her swift rise to the top rungs of Hollywood

and the fashion world. She was also named a new face of Lancome and appeared on the cover of People magazine's Most Beautiful issue. She will be appearing in the new "Star Wars" movie.

"The truth is, I don't really

know what's next," Nyong'o said, through tears. "Though what has happened to me so far is incredible, I am still a work in progress and I hope to always be."

Cox, from "Orange Is the New Black," was the first openly transgender person to be nominated for an Emmy Award. In a press release, Glamour called her "the face of one of the biggest equality stories of 2014."

"I love being a woman, and I am so honored to be the vessel tonight for what I believe is this inevitable historic moment where the womanhood of transgender women is not in question," Cox said.

Burton is best known for designing Kate Middleton's wedding gown. She became creative director of Alexander McQueen in 2010, following the designer's death, and has been credited, Glamour noted, with boosting the British fashion industry.

Power, the U.S. ambassador

to the United Nations, was cited for her work in diplomacy "during a year when the U.N. Security Council held more emergency sessions than it had in the entire 10 years prior."

Other Glamour winners:

—Robin Roberts, the "Good Morning America" host who has survived breast cancer and a public struggle with myelodysplastic syndrome, a rare blood and bone marrow disease, cited for her success and influence in broadcasting.

—Actress Mindy Kaling, creator and star of the Fox comedy "The Mindy Project." "Millions of women feel like Kaling is their BFF," Glamour said.

—Natalia Vodianova, supermodel and founder of the Naked Heart Foundation, which helps children with special needs.

—Sylvia Earle, a noted oceanographer who "even as her eightieth birthday approaches ... continues to spend three months a year on expeditions."

## Meryl Streep, Stevie Wonder get Medal of Freedom

BEIJING (AP)—Meryl Streep, Stevie Wonder and Tom Brokaw are among the latest Americans tapped to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom, President Barack Obama announced Tuesday.

The performers and former NBC anchor will join 16 others at the White House on Nov. 24

for a ceremony marking their achievements. The medal is the highest honor granted to civilians in the U.S. and honors contributions to U.S. security, world peace and cultural achievement.

"From scientists who kept America on the cutting edge to public servants who help write new chapters in our American

story, these citizens have made extraordinary contributions to our country and the world," Obama said in a statement from Beijing, where the president was traveling for an economic summit.

Musical theater composer Stephen Sondheim and actress Marlo Thomas will also receive the award. Choreographer Alvin



In this combination of Associated Press file photos, Tom Brokaw, left, speaks at the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry annual dinner Monday, Sept. 22, 2014, in Hershey, Pa., Meryl Streep, center, appears at the Oscars at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles, on a Feb. 24, 2013, and Stevie Wonder performs during the "In Performance at the White House" in the East Room of the White House in Washington on May 9, 2012.

AP

### In Celebration of His New Life

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**Parents-in-law:** †Rita Sablan and †Augustine Igitol Taitano  
**Brothers & Sisters:** †Juan Q. Kapileo, †Antonio Q. Kapileo, †Cynthia Q. Kapileo  
**Brother-in-law:** †Singeru Techur

*His loving memories will forever live in the hearts of his:*

**Wife:** **Veronica Esther (Noning) Taitano Kapileo**  
**Children:** **Kevin Lee T. & Jocelyn K. Kapileo, Josephine Christine T. Kapileo & Danny Joe O. Fitial, Nunu Kuke T. Kapileo and Cypriana T. Kapileo**

**Brothers/Sisters/Spouses:** Julita S. Kapileo & Children, Dionicia K. Techur & Children, Luis Q. & Pauline DLG. Kapileo & Children, Jacinta Q. Kapileo & Children, Anna Q. Kapileo, Ignacia K. & Ferdous Bhuiyan & Children, Felipe Q. & Esther K. Kapileo & Children, Jesus Q. Kapileo, Joseph Q./Teresa P. Kapileo & Children, Fabian Nick Q. & Ursula A. Kapileo & Children

**Brothers & Sisters-in-law:** Pedro S. Taitano & Del S. Norita & Children, Julita T. & Diego Palacios & Children, Maryann T. & John Mendiola & Children, Joseph S. & Emily Taitano & Children, Elaine T. & Henry Iguel & Children, Venicia T. & Daniel Suel & Children

*He will also be missed by numerous nephews, nieces, godchildren, cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends.*

Rosary is being said nightly at 7:00 p.m. at the Nuestra Señora Bithen Delos Remedios Church in Tanapag.

On Friday, November 14, 2014, at 7:30 a.m. he will be escorted from the Commonwealth Health Center Chapel to the Nuestra Señora Bithen Delos Remedios Church for viewing. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Interment Service will follow at the Tanapag Cemetery.

Your thoughts, prayers, words of comfort and presence are sincerely appreciated.

**Veronica Esther (Noning) T. Kapileo, Children and Family**

Ailey, who died in 1989, will receive the medal posthumously. So will former Rep. Edward Roybal of California, who founded the Congressional Hispanic Caucus.

Those being honored include slain civil rights activists James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner, who were killed during their work in an historic voter registration effort in Mississippi in 1964.

Rep. John Dingell of Michigan,

the longest-serving congressman in American history, will receive the award, as will Ethel Kennedy, the widow of former Sen. Robert Kennedy. Native American activist Suzan Harjo and former Reps. Abner Mikva of Illinois and Patsy Takemoto Mink of Hawaii are also on the list.

Other recipients include author Isabel Allende, scientist Mildred Dresselhaus, golfer Charles Siford and economist Robert Solow.

## 2 Mark Rothko paintings highlight New York auction

NEW YORK (AP)—Two Mark Rothko paintings owned by Listerine fortune heir Rachel "Bunny" Mellon fetched more than \$76 million at a Sotheby's auction of post-war and contemporary art on Monday.

"Untitled (Yellow, Orange, Yellow, Light Orange)," from 1955, sold for \$36.5 million, just over its pre-sale estimate high of \$30 million. "Untitled," created 15 years later, brought in just under \$40 million, almost double its top pre-sale estimate, Sotheby's said.

Other items from the Mellon collection, including jewelry and furnishings, will be offered in a series of sales Nov. 20-23. The total could realize more than \$100 million.

Proceeds will benefit The Gerard B. Lambert Foundation, which supports The Oak Spring Garden Library in Upperville, Virginia. The library houses Mel-

lon's collection of rare books, manuscripts and works of art related to landscape design, horticulture and natural history.

Mellon, a noted horticulturist and widow of philanthropist Paul Mellon, died in March at age 103 at her Virginia estate.

Mellon's grandfather Jordan W. Lambert created Listerine, and her father, Gerald Lambert, built a company that made everything from Dentyne to Schick razors. Paul Mellon had his own fortune, inherited from his Pittsburgh industrialist father and built on holdings in banking, coal, railroads, steel and aluminum.

Bunny Mellon was a self-taught botanist and close friend of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. In 1961 she redesigned the White House Rose Garden, and later she created another White House garden that was named for Kennedy after her death.

# Lawyer: Bieber on track to resolve vandalism case

**L**OS ANGELES (AP)—Justin Bieber has paid more than \$80,000 to the owner of a home he egged but has otherwise made slow progress on the terms of his sentence in the vandalism case, probation officials said in a report disclosed at a hearing Monday.

The pop singer has yet to begin his community service or complete the majority of the anger management sessions ordered by a court, the officials wrote to the judge handling the case.

Still, Bieber's attorney Shawn Holley said the singer is on track to complete his sentence by February.

Superior Court Judge Leland

B. Harris did not express any concerns about Bieber's progress and ordered the singer's case to be called again on Feb. 10 for an update.

Bieber was sentenced to perform five days of community service, complete 12 anger management sessions, and pay \$80,900 to repair damage to his neighbor's home in the egg-tossing incident.



AP  
In this Sept. 30, 2014 file photo, Justin Bieber leaves an event in Paris. Bieber's attorney told a Los Angeles judge on Monday Nov. 10, that the singer is on schedule to complete anger management therapy and community service as required by his sentence in a misdemeanor vandalism case.

Bieber, 20, paid the restitution in August, a month after he pleaded no contest to vandalism and was placed on two years of probation.

Probation officials noted that Bieber has been charged with dangerous driving and assault in Canada stemming from a confrontation with a paparazzo in late August. Probation officials recommended waiting until after a Nov. 17 court hearing to determine whether that case requires any action by the court in Los Angeles.

A case filed after a Toronto limo driver reported that Bieber assaulted him was withdrawn in September.

Bieber was accused of throwing eggs in January at the home of his neighbor in Calabasas, a suburb of Los Angeles.



AP  
In this Jan. 12, 2013 file photo, actors Bradley Cooper, left, and Hugh Jackman pose together at the BAFTA Awards Season Tea Party in Los Angeles.

## Jackman and Cooper make Broadway box office sing

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Broadway's overall box offices are doing swell business these days, and it's mainly thanks to two leading men—Hugh Jackman and Bradley Cooper.

Jackman is starring in "The River." Cooper is in "The Elephant Man." They're still in previews but have become some of the hottest tickets in town.

Jackman pulled in \$917,000 at the Circle in the Square over eight shows last week, a sellout performance with the average ticket going for \$160. Cooper attracted \$520,000 for just four sold-out shows. His show's average ticket came in a hair more at \$163.

The Broadway League's numbers show last week's total Broadway haul from its 35 shows was \$27.6 million, or \$2 million more than the same week last season and about \$4 million than last week.

## Diana Krall reschedules US tour after illness



AP  
In this July 21, 2013 file photo, Canadian jazz pianist and singer Diana Krall performs at the Jazz Festival of 5 Continents in Marseille, southern France.

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Jazz pianist and singer Diana Krall has rescheduled her U.S. tour after recovering from a severe case of pneumonia.

Krall announced Monday that her Wallflower World Tour will kick off on Feb. 25 in Boston. The tour was originally scheduled to happen this week.

She will visit 26 cities on the tour. Tickets go on sale Friday.

Krall will also release a new album, "Wallflower," on Feb. 3. She interprets a collection of pop songs from the 1960s to the present day by the Mamas and the Papas, the Eagles, Bob Dylan and Elton John as well as a new song by Paul McCartney.

Krall turns 50 on Sunday.

## Jason Aldean's new album pulled off Spotify

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** (AP)—Country music's top digital sales leader Jason Aldean pulled his latest album off Spotify on Monday, although his previous albums are still available through the digital music streaming service.

Aldean's sixth album, "Old Boots, New Dirt," had been

available to subscribers of the service when it was initially released Oct. 7, but a Spotify spokesman confirmed the album was removed. A representative for Aldean's label, Broken Bow Records, said the label had no comment on the decision.

The album has sold more

than 467,000 copies since its release and hit No. 1 on the Billboard 200 chart. "Old Boots, New Dirt" had the biggest first week for a country album on Spotify with more than three million streams and Aldean also recorded a track-by-track commentary for Spotify listeners.

## Ice-T, military dogs to appear on NYC parade float

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Ice-T will appear on a float with military dogs and their wartime handlers at New York's Veterans Day Parade.

The rapper, actor and Army veteran will ride up Fifth Avenue with six dogs that served in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Ice-T says it's important to

recognize the heroism of both human veterans and their canine counterparts. It's the first time dogs are being featured.

The float is funded by philanthropist Lois Pope. She works with several organizations that help reunite military dogs and the veterans with whom they served.

The parade steps off at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday from Madison Square Park.

The grand marshal this year is New York's former police commissioner, Raymond Kelly, who served in the Marines. He'll march with his wife, Coast Guard veteran Veronica Kelly.

## Writing thank-you notes gets easier using the right advice

**DEAR ABBY:** The issue of thank-you notes comes up often in your column. May I share how I learned to write them? When I was young, my mother asked me one day why I was so resistant. I said I hated addressing them and I never knew what to say! It was overwhelming to me.

Mother taught me some phrases such as, "I appreciate your thoughtfulness," and ways to close like, "I hope to see you again soon." She gently reminded me that the sooner I wrote, the easier it would be to express words of gratitude. She also made a deal with me: If I quit complaining and procrastinating, she'd address them for me until I turned 18.

When I turned 18 she gave me an address book filled with the addresses of our family and friends, beautiful new stationery and a book of stamps. In case you're curious, my 18th birthday gifts were all acknowledged with thank-you notes addressed by me! I'm 22 now, and I have never missed a note.

SARAH B., ANSONIA, CONN.

**DEAR SARAH B.:** Thank you for your charming letter. Your mother was not only a good negotiator, she also taught you a skill that will be valuable as you grow older.

I print letters about this subject so often because of the number of complaints I receive about the failure to receive a thank-you note. When a gift (or check) isn't acknowledged, the message it sends is that the item wasn't appreciated, which is insulting and hurtful.

Chief among the reasons people don't send thank-you notes is that they don't know what to say and are afraid they'll say the wrong thing. That's why my booklet, "How to Write Letters," was written. It contains samples of thank-you letters for birthday gifts, shower gifts and wedding gifts, as well as those that arrive around holiday time. It also includes letters of congratulations and ones regarding difficult topics—including letters of condolence for the loss of a parent, spouse or a child. It can be ordered by sending name, mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds), to Dear Abby Letters Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.) Use it to tailor your own messages. With the holiday season approaching and people sending gifts and greetings through the end of the year, this is the perfect time to reply with a handwritten letter, note or well-written email.

## DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.



Because composition of letters and notes is not always effectively taught in the schools, my booklet can provide a helpful tutorial, and is particularly valuable for parents as a way to teach their children how to write using proper etiquette.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My question is very simple, Abby. Who determines right or wrong in your life, your opinions, your column? This will tell me all I need to know about your wisdom or advice.

RON IN MICHIGAN

**DEAR RON:** Actually, I think your question is anything but "simple," and the answer is: I DO.

# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



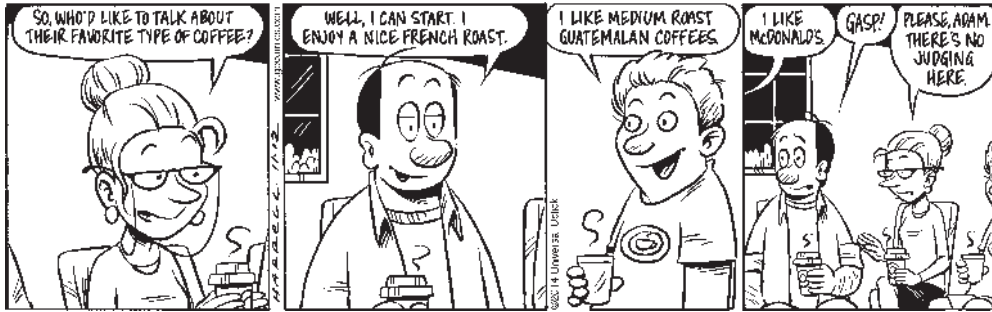
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## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



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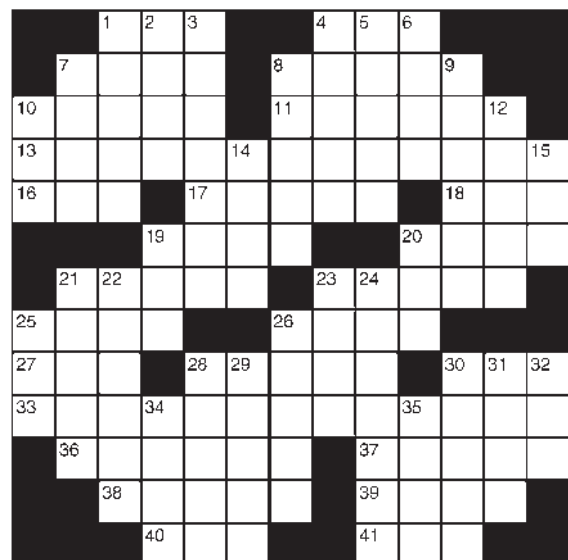
By Eugene Sheffer

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8 Melancholy  
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13 Excellent condition  
16 Tarzan's son  
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19 Scoop holder  
20 Pad-locked fastener  
21 Frightening  
23 Sacred song  
25 Any minute now
- DOWN**
- 26 Reactions to fire-works  
27 Dog's hand  
28 Barber-shop tool  
30 Expert  
33 Toady  
36 Tar  
37 Trumpet part  
38 Blue hue  
39 Holly-wood  
40 Superlat-ive suffix  
41 Remiss  
1 Maudlin
- 2 Hebrew month  
3 Napoleon or Nero  
4 Censor, in a way  
5 Big  
6 Evening  
7 Mafia kingpin  
8 Dirt  
9 Central  
10 Science work- place  
12 Religious belief of a sort  
14 Small steed  
15 Wardrobe malfunction  
19 Sardines holder  
20 Owns  
21 Some daytime TV fare  
22 Black-eyed legume  
23 Com- bine  
24 Get all wrinkly  
25 Hot tub  
26 Ultraviolet filter  
28 Romulus' brother  
29 In two places at once?

Solution time: 24 mins.



Yesterday's answer 11-12



## STUMPED?

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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Anne Hathaway, 32; Ryan Gosling, 34; Megan Mullally, 56; Neil Young, 69.

**Happy Birthday:** Your memory and expertise will not let you down. Speak from the heart about your encounters and what you feel within. This is a year to expand your beliefs and to manifest the changes you've been talking about. It's no longer OK to pontificate without setting an example. Stand up for your beliefs and live the truth you speak. Your numbers are 1, 18, 21, 26, 32, 38, 44.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Don't let an emotional misunderstanding turn into a temper tantrum. Curb your reaction and focus your energy on what you can do to feel better about yourself and what you have to offer. Confidence will help you overcome any mishaps. ★★★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Make sure you can afford the purchases you make and the entertainment you engage in. Too much of anything will lead to a problem with a friend, lover or relative. An unpredictable turn of events will work against you. ★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Unusual circumstances will arise with regard to donations or helping others. Make home improvements geared toward entertainment, but don't overspend. Renting to someone to help cover your costs will help you get your finances back in order. ★★★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Address partnership issues. Voice your complaints instead of letting your hostility

grow. Once you clear the air, you can create an atmosphere conducive to accomplishing your goals. Adding a little spice to your life will make you more appealing. ★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Do your own thing. Don't ask anyone to tag along or you will find it difficult to get what you want out of your expedition. Question a relationship that continually holds you back or disagrees with your choices. ★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Learn as you go. Your ability to pick up information intuitively will help you gain ground and impress someone who can help you advance. Discussing your plans and following through will show that you mean business. ★★★★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Stick to what you know and do best. Focus on work and how you can earn a decent living. Don't expect to please everyone, but do your best to set your sights on what will bring you the greatest joy and rewards. ★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Communication will be the key to getting what you want. Sharing your thoughts and opinions will give those in a position to help greater insight into what you want to accomplish. Positive alterations at home will promote greater creativity. ★★★★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Put business before play. Once your financial affairs are in order, you will know what's left over for fun and games. A change at home can lead to good fortune if you invest wisely.

## EUGENIA LAST

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ly and maintain your budget. ★★★

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Don't make changes without permission. Partnership problems will arise if you aren't open about the way you feel and what you want to do. A project that will take you in a new direction looks promising, but will require a lifestyle change. ★★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Direct your energy into making the changes necessary to improve the way you earn a living. Consider new ways to use your skills, talents and knowledge in a new and diverse manner, and you will find a new source of income. ★★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Focus on investments, contracts and how you can utilize your talents to bring in more money. Negotiations will favor you if you use your imagination to present and promote what you have to offer to others. ★★★

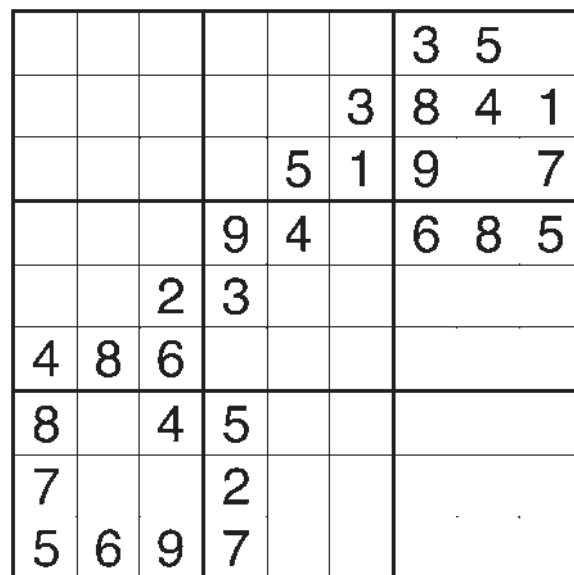
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By Dave Green



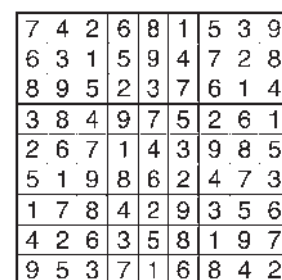
Difficulty Level ★★★

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer



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## WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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Solution: 11 letters



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# Eagles get 9 sacks to beat Panthers



**PHILADELPHIA** (AP)—Mark Sanchez did his part for the Eagles while the defense dominated and special teams shined.

Darren Sproles had two touchdowns, Sanchez threw for two scores and the defense sacked Cam Newton nine times to help Philadelphia beat the Carolina Panthers 45-21 Monday night.

Filling in for an injured Nick Foles, Sanchez had 332 yards passing in his first start since Dec. 30, 2012. Sproles returned a punt 65 yards for a score and had an 8-yard TD run. Bradley Fletcher returned an interception 34 yards for a TD and Jordan Matthews had 138 yards receiving and two TDs.

"Just an outstanding performance by all three phases," Sanchez said.

The Eagles (7-2) stayed on top in the NFC East. They're trying to repeat as division champions without Foles, who broke his collarbone in a win at Houston last week.

The Panthers (3-6-1) hardly look like the team that won the NFC South last year. They've lost four in a row and already have allowed more points in 10 games than they did in 2013. Making things worse, Panthers defensive tackle Star Lotulelei was carted off the field late in the third quarter.

"We've got to do things better," Panthers coach Ron Rivera said. "I have to coach better, coaches have to coach better, we have to practice better and then go out and play better. And we're going to do it together as a team."

Newton threw the first of three inter-



Philadelphia Eagles' Brent Celek (87) pulls in a pass against Carolina Panthers' Roman Harper (41) during the second half of an NFL football game, Monday, Nov. 10, 2014, in Philadelphia.

ceptions and DeAngelo Williams lost a fumble on Carolina's first three plays from scrimmage. The turnovers led to 10 points for the Eagles.

Conor Barwin had 3 1/2 sacks and Brandon Graham had 1 1/2. Newton

had never been sacked more than seven times in his career.

"We wanted to keep Cam in the pocket and if we didn't, we didn't want him to go north, we just wanted him to go east and west and we did that,"

Barwin said. "Nobody gave him a hole to rush through. Everyone stayed disciplined and he didn't really know where to go when he tried to escape."

The game was in Philadelphia's control when Newton threw a pair

of fourth-quarter TDs to Kelvin Benjamin.

Sanchez, the former franchise quarterback for the New York Jets, signed a one-year deal to back up Foles after missing last season following shoulder surgery. Though he led the Jets to the AFC championship game his first two seasons, he didn't live up to enormous expectations in New York after being picked fifth in the 2009 draft.

But one day before his 28th birthday Sanchez had one of the best games of his career in his first start in Chip Kelly's up-tempo, quarterback-friendly offense.

"After playing for a while, you learn a lot," he said. "I've made plenty of mistakes and hurt the team. The most important thing was taking care of the football, communicating well and executing. If we do that, generally we'll be successful. There are still plenty of things to clean up though. By no means was this perfect."

Casey Matthews, starting for injured linebacker DeMeco Ryans, forced Williams' fumble and Cedric Thornton recovered at the Panthers 22. Cody Parkey hit a 39-yarder to make it 3-0.

Cary Williams then intercepted Newton on Carolina's next offensive play. It was the first pick by an Eagles cornerback this season.

"Our defense really came to play," Kelly said. "We created a lot of pressure early and those two turnovers on the first three plays really set the tempo for the day."

Sanchez completed passes of 15 yards to Jeremy Maclin and 21 yards to Brent Celek to set up Sproles' score. Sproles took a handoff and ran off the left side untouched.



**NEW YORK** (AP)—Eager to go on a long-overdue playoff

run, the New York Mets realized they owed their pitching staff and fans—a proven hitter.

On Monday, they got one.

The Mets made baseball's first splash of the offseason, agreeing with two-time All-Star outfielder Michael Cuddyer on a two-year deal worth \$21 million.

"Michael is a tremendous addition to the middle of our lineup," general manager Sandy Alderson said in a statement.

The 2013 NL batting champion became the first top free agent to switch teams since the World Series. Cuddyer, who turns 36 in March, had until later in the day to decide whether to accept a \$15.3 million qualifying offer from Colorado.

"Sandy has talked about we're looking to turn the corner here and start to compete in 2015," Mets assistant general manager John Ricco told reporters at the GM meetings in Arizona.

"I think this is a message that we're going to be aggressive. Right out of the box we had a guy we liked, and we went and got him," he said.

When he's healthy, Cuddyer hits. Even when he's hurt, he still swings a serious bat.

Cuddyer batted .332 with 10 home runs and 31 RBIs this year in a season interrupted by injuries.

He was limited to 49 games and was on the disabled list three times because of a strained left shoulder and a strained left hamstring. From mid-April to early September, he spent of a part of each month on the DL.

"He took a physical today. We've

## Mets sign Cuddyer for 2 years, \$21M

### SIDEBAR

## Abreu, deGrom voted Rookies of the Year

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Jose Abreu and Jacob deGrom were far from the major leagues at the start of 2013.

Abreu was playing for Cienfuegos in Cuba, and deGrom was in A-ball for the second straight year after coming back from Tommy John surgery.

On Monday, the pair were run-away winners in balloting for rookies of the year.

The Chicago White Sox first baseman was voted the AL honor unanimously by the Baseball Writers' Association of America, and the New York Mets pitcher won the NL award in a landslide.

One year after defecting from Cuba, the 27-year-old Abreu had a .581 slugging percentage to become the first qualifying rookie to lead the major leagues since Oakland's Mark McGwire in 1987, according to STATS. Abreu was sixth in batting at .317, tied for fourth in home runs with 36 and fifth in RBIs with 107.

He said playing in the major leagues "never crossed my mind when I was a kid in Cuba."

"But in 2013, after the World Classic, I realized that I belonged to the

major leagues and I am very happy that I'm here," Abreu said through a translator during a news conference in Chicago. "And I'm very happy that my family's happy that I am in the major leagues. Of course, now I realize that I could make it."

Abreu received all 30 first place votes for 150 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Los Angeles Angels right-hander Matt Shoemaker was second with 40 points, followed by New York Yankees reliever Dellin Betances (27), Houston pitcher Collin McHugh (21) and Yankees pitcher Masahiro Tanaka (16), who was hurt for most of the season's second half.

Abreu hit .383 with three homers and nine RBIs for Cuba at last year's World Baseball Classic, then defected that summer and signed a \$68 million, six-year contract with the White Sox in October. He became the sixth White Sox player to earn the honor following Luis Aparicio (1956), Gary Peters (1963), Tommie Agee (1966), Ron Kittle (1983) and Ozzie Guillen (1985).

"Playing baseball in Cuba made me the whole player I am now," Abreu said. "I learned baseball in Cuba, and I'm very grateful of that."

DeGrom received 26 of 30 first-place votes and 142 points. Speedy Cincinnati outfielder Billy Hamilton was second with four firsts and 92 points. He hit .285 with 38 stolen bases in the first half, then slumped to .200 with 18 steals after the All-Star break.

"I was just thankful to be in the big leagues this year," DeGrom said.

A shortstop in college, deGrom's career went on hiatus for a year when he needed reconstructive elbow surgery in October 2010.

"I just tried to stick with the rehab program that I was given and follow it step by step," he said. "Thankfully I had a pretty smooth rehab process and never had any setbacks, and I was on schedule the whole way."

He made it to Triple-A this year and was a month shy of his 26th birthday when he was called up to pitch out of the bullpen last spring. But an injury to Dillon Gee led to deGrom's debut as a starter against the Yankees on May 15.

bat like that, I think next year is going to be exciting," deGrom said.

New York hit .239 last year, 28th in the majors, and wanted to add a hitter or two this offseason. Their fans pointed to another stat - playing in a major market, they finished the regular season 21st in payroll at under \$93 million - and hoped the team would spend what it took to improve.

Cuddyer made 35 starts in right field last year, along with 11 at first base and two at third.

He joins a lineup where Daniel Murphy was the leading hitter at .289. All-Star third baseman David Wright had a down season and finished with an injured shoulder, while first baseman Lucas Duda provided pop with 30 home runs.

Wright and Cuddyer are friends from the same region of Virginia, and have spent offseasons working out together and playing racquetball.

In the Mets' outfield, Juan Lagares won a Gold Glove last week in center. Curtis Granderson hit .227 with 20 homers while mostly playing right and Chris Young, Eric Young Jr. and several others shared left.

Cuddyer hit .331 with the Rockies in 2013, along with 20 home runs and 84 RBIs. He was the NL's starting designated hitter in the All-Star game that year at Citi Field.

The Mets are moving in the fences in right field at Citi Field for next season. A right-handed hitter, Cuddyer has sprayed the ball around over the years.

Cuddyer is a .279 hitter with a .347 on-base percentage in 14 seasons with Colorado and Minnesota. He hit a career-high 32 homers in 2009 with the Twins.

In his three years with the Rockies, he batted .329 at hitter-friendly Coors Field and .286 on the road.

looked at all the injuries and there was nothing there that we were too concerned about," Ricco said. "And the age is the age. Certainly there's risk associated with any signing."

The Mets went 79-83 last season,

their sixth straight losing year since moving into Citi Field. They are hoping to contend for their first playoff spot since 2006, boosted by a strong rotation helped by the return of ace Matt Harvey from Tommy John surgery.

Hours after Cuddyer joined the Mets, Jacob deGrom won the NL Rookie of the Year award.

"I'm really looking forward to next year, with Harvey returning and just being a part of that staff. And then signing a

# LeBron's triple-double leads Cavs past Pelicans



**CLEVELAND** (AP)—LeBron James wanted so badly to give back to Cleveland fans after he played poorly in his emotion-laced home opener.

They deserved something.

On Monday night, he delivered a belated gift.

James recorded a triple-double with 32 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists, Kyrie Irving scored 27 of his 32 in the second half and Cleveland's "Big 3" dominated in a 118-111 win over the New Orleans Pelicans on Monday night.

Kevin Love made six 3-pointers and added 22 points for the Cavs, who were back at Quicken Loans Arena for the first time since Oct. 30, when Cleveland welcomed James home after four years in Miami. He failed to play up to the monumental event, going 5 of 15 and committing eight turnovers in a stunning loss to the New York Knicks.

James wouldn't allow a repeat performance. After the Cavs returned from a four-game road trip, James went on his Twitter account and told Cleveland fans, "I owe y'all one."

Not anymore.

"It worked out. It's good when you put something out there and it comes true," he said. "I owed them one, and many more as well. Tonight we took care of business."

James and Irving dominated in the second half, combining for 49 points—30 in the third quarter when the Cavs overcame 9-point deficit. Love, too, was huge after halftime, making four 3-pointers.

"This is special," said Irving, who added nine assists and had just one turnover in 40 minutes. "We played well as a group."

Anthony Davis scored 27 with 14 rebounds for the Pelicans, who beat defending NBA champion San Antonio on Saturday night and gave the Cavaliers all they could handle. Ryan Anderson added 32 points — 23 in the first half for New Orleans.

"In order for you to become one of the best you have to play the best and learn from them," Davis said. "I love playing against LeBron and the Cavs. They're a tough team. They have three players who can score the ball at will. We broke down defensively. They scored 118 points. We can't allow teams to do that."

Irving's 3-pointer gave the Cavs a 101-95 lead, but the Pelicans didn't go away and were within three when Love drained one of his six 3s. Irving scored on a conventional three-point play and then hit another long-range shot to give Cleveland a 110-98 lead with 2:26 left.

James was taken out to a rousing ovation, but coach David Blatt had to re-insert the superstar in the closing seconds after Anderson's 3 brought the



Pelicans to 117-111 with 13.9 seconds left.

Following the game, Blatt answered several questions before reminding everyone what James did.

## **Bulls 102, Pistons 91**

In Chicago, Derrick Rose had 24 points and seven assists in his return to the lineup, and the balanced Chicago Bulls beat Detroit.

Rose was 9 for 20 from the field in 32 minutes after being sidelined by sprained ankles. The 2011 NBA MVP had missed four of the previous five games after he was injured in an overtime loss to Cleveland on Oct. 31.

Pau Gasol had 17 points and 15 rebounds for Chicago, and Joakim Noah finished with 13 points, 14 boards and six assists. The Bulls outrebounded the Pistons 49-46 after they had lost the battle on the glass in the previous six games, rankling hard-nosed coach Tom Thibodeau.

Josh Smith had 19 points and 11 rebounds for Detroit, which was coming off a 97-96 home loss to Utah on Sunday. Greg Monroe had 16 points and 10 boards, and reserve D.J. Augustin scored 16.

Pistons center Andre Drummond, who began the game in a jersey that had his name misspelled on the back, grabbed 12 rebounds, but was 0 for 5 from the field and finished with two points.

## **Spurs 89, Clippers 85**

In Los Angeles, Kawhi Leonard tied his career high with 26 points despite playing with only one good eye, and San Antonio closed with a rush to beat Los Angeles.

Leonard's vision has been affected by a case of conjunctivitis.

Still, he pulled down 10 rebounds and gave the defending NBA champions their first lead with 1:44 left after trailing by seven with just under 6 minutes to play.

Tim Duncan added 18 points and 11 rebounds, and Tony Parker scored nine of his 13 in the fourth quarter for the Spurs, who snapped a two-game skid while earning their first road win.

San Antonio finished the game on a 14-3 run, giving Duncan, Manu Ginobili and Parker their 500th career

victory together. They are second among trios in NBA history to Larry Bird, Kevin McHale and Robert Parish, who won 540 games with the Boston Celtics.

Blake Griffin led the Clippers with 23 points and 10 rebounds, but committed two consecutive turnovers that led to the Spurs taking the lead for the first time. Chris Paul had 12 points and 10 rebounds while just missing his second triple-double of the season with nine assists.

## **Hawks 91, Knicks 85**

In New York, Paul Millsap scored 19 points, Dennis Schroder extended his best stretch in the NBA with two big baskets in the final 2 minutes, and Atlanta sent the New York Knicks to their fifth straight loss.

Kyle Korver added 17 points as Atlanta finished a home-and-home sweep, including a 103-96 win Saturday at home.

Schroder, a second-year guard from Germany, scored a career-high 14 points, two

<sup>AP</sup>  
Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James (23) drives on New Orleans Pelicans' Tyreke Evans in the fourth quarter of an NBA basketball game Monday, Nov. 10, 2014, in Cleveland.

nights after setting his previous best with 11. With the Hawks clinging to a three-point lead, he knocked down a jumper with 1:55 to play, then scored on a drive to the basket that gave Atlanta an 81-74 advantage with 59 seconds remaining.

Carmelo Anthony had 25 points, nine rebounds and seven assists for the Knicks, who came in averaging 92 points, tied for worst in the NBA, and barely surpassed their previous low of 80 in their season-opening loss to Chicago.

## **Pacers 97, Jazz 86**

In Indianapolis, Roy Hibbert scored a season-high 29 points to help Indiana beat Utah, ending the Pacers' six-game losing streak.

A.J. Price had 22 points and Lavoy Allen added 12—also season highs for both players—as the Pacers won for the first time since the season opener. Allen also had 15 rebounds and Hibbert grabbed five.

Price scored 10 points in the fourth quarter, including two 3-pointers during a 13-2 run that gave Indiana an 87-79 lead midway through the period.

Gordon Hayward scored 30 points to lead Utah. Enes Kanter had 18 points and Derrick Favors added 13 points and eight rebounds.

Indiana played without injured starters David West (sprained ankle), George Hill (bruised knee) and Paul George.

## **SIDEBAR**

# Jackson optimistic even as Melo, Knicks struggle

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Phil Jackson said Monday he is optimistic and Carmelo Anthony is upbeat, even as the New York Knicks struggle through the start of the season.

The only thing the Knicks' team president seems bothered by is people focusing too much on the team's triangle offense—including Commissioner Adam Silver.

The Knicks had lost four straight and were 2-5 as Jackson spoke to the media for the first time since training camp. They were tied for last in the league with just 92 points per game, but Jackson wasn't necessarily focused on the results.

"I see growth in this team and I'm optimistic that, it's not always the final score, it's sometimes how you play," Jackson said before the Knicks hosted Atlanta. "I think we're playing the game much better and getting some activity that we like to see."

Under first-year coach Derek Fisher, the Knicks are running the triangle offense that Jackson used when he led the Bulls and Lakers to 11 championships, most by any coach in NBA history. There has been non-stop talk about the offense and analysis of it, and even a show that director Spike Lee did on MSG Network.

Silver weighed in last week at a community service event when he was asked about the Knicks and said it was clear they were still learning the triangle.

"It was fun to have Spike do the little piece and a humorous part to it, but I wasn't so humored by the commissioner actually jumping in on top of that, too," Jackson said. "He doesn't need to get in on that. There's enough focus on the triangle. It's not anything. It's a system. It's simple basketball. Just play the game. So we're over the triangle. Let's get to business and play it the right way."

That's been difficult, particularly for Anthony, who shot 8 for 23, 5 for 21, 5 for 20 and 8 for 20 during the Knicks' skid. Jackson said he spoke to the All-Star forward Monday and he has urged him to impact the game in other ways beyond his scoring, such as by passing the ball more quickly or trying for offensive rebounds.

"I think that the frustration's going to be there at times, especially when the tide turns in the third quarter and he wants to step up and help the ball-club at that time with what he's known for and what his genius is, which is scoring, that sometimes it's frustrating to not be able to get there and do that. But he seemed very upbeat today when I talked to him," Jackson said.

Jackson, in his first full season in charge, said he had told the coaching staff to be prepared for a difficult start to the season because there would be

limited practice time. It's gotten even harder with injuries to Jose Calderon and Andrea Bargnani, projected starters who haven't played yet because of injuries.

Jackson said he has mostly kept his distance and left the coaching to the coaches, though often sends ideas or suggestions to Fisher, who played for him in Los Angeles.

And Jackson was encouraged by what he saw in the first half of the Knicks' loss in Atlanta on Saturday. New York scored 61 points in the first half before fading to 35 after the break.

"I think for our fan base and our people that are patient for the team to immediately show this progress, you're going to see progress and I think you're going to enjoy it," Jackson said. "I think you're going to see the kind of basketball that was demonstrated in the first half of that game on Saturday."

# NMSA asks federations to appoint student reps

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REPORTER



The Northern Marianas Sports Association is asking all member federations to appoint one student representative to give the youth athletes a voice in the CNMI sports' governing body.

Northern Marianas Islands Volleyball Association official Toni Yamada said they would create a student commission with the main task of overseeing the affairs of young athletes in the CNMI.

Full time students in high school, college or trade school ages 17 to 28, or those who graduated a year after are qualified to join the student commission.

The student commission will be tasked, under the guidance of the NMSA board, to select student-athletes that will represent the CNMI in tournaments organized by the International University Sports Federation.

NMSA is planning to send two athletes—one each in athletics and swimming—to the 28th Gwangju Universiade in South Korea next year. The two athletes will be joined by their respective coaches and NMSA vice president and for-

mer Northern Marianas Athletics head Kurt Barnes, who will act as the chef de mission.

The student commission will follow FISU's eligibility rules. Under FISU's eligibility rules,

student-athletes who are "currently and officially enrolled for a degree at the university or college recognized by the appropriate authority of their country" are qualified to join

the biennial World University Games. Postgraduate students, either taking their masters or doctorate degrees, are also qualified based on terms of the concerned university rules.

Student-athletes should also be nationals of the respective countries they are representing.

FISU, founded in 1949, is the world governing body for competitions involving stu-

dent-athletes and currently has a membership of 167 national sports federations. FISU's governing body is the General Assembly, which elects members of the executive committee for a period of four years. Its current president is Frenchman Claude-Louis Gallien.

## G-Rollers cruise past Runnin' Rebels

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The G-Rollers broke the Runnin' Rebels back in the second quarter en route to a lopsided 76-44 win in their U21 division game in the 2014 BANMI Youth League last Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

It was only the G-Rollers' second win in six games and they will be gunning for third in their last assignment (against Laly 4) in the regular season. The Runnin' Rebels hold the same 2-4 record and will meet the Sonics in a make-up game on Monday.

The G-Rollers coasted past the Runnin' Rebels after a 24-6 scoring spurt in the second quarter, turning a 16-11 advantage to a 40-17 halftime edge. Mike Arciaga led the breakaway, scoring 7 in the second period, while Irvin Malonzo, John Babauta, Prince Factor, and Jason



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

The G-Rollers' Prince Factor reaches in for the loose ball, while the Runnin' Rebels' Isaac Anderson looks on during their U21 division game in the BANMI youth caging last Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Iglecias chipped in at least two baskets apiece.

The Runnin' Rebels, on the other hand, were held to three field goals in the uneventful second period with E.J. Ermitanio, Dennis Moses, and Adrian De Luna drilling one bucket each.

The Runnin' Rebels never made it out of the big hole, as it failed to contain Arciaga in the second half. Arciaga, who scored only one basket in the third period, saved his best for last, exploding for 14 points in the final quarter. He recorded the G-Rollers' first 12 points in the fourth period and also hit the team's last basket to finish with a game-high 26 markers.

Arciaga and company managed to ease past the Runnin' Rebels despite playing with only five players in the first half. Karl Rios reported for the match in the second half when the G-Rollers had the game in control with its much solid starters dominating the younger Runnin' Rebels crew.

No Runnin' Rebels player barged into double figures with Edmon Borja making only 8 points to lead his team. Borja posted the Runnin' Rebels first 4 points and the first two came in a while, as both teams took some time to heat up after waiting for almost an hour to start the match. The game was delayed due to the lack of referees.

**G-Rollers 76** – Arciaga 26, Factor 17, Babauta 14, Malonzo

## SHIRLEY'S

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down to 1:34. Pagarao drilled two free throws to up Shirley's lead anew to 10 and Elmer Esdrelon and Matt Duenas had splits. Joeten hit only one basket after the 19-2 spurt with Ferdie Tobias converting a triple from the left key.

Pagarao top-scored for Shirley's with his 19 points and four of his teammates also recorded twin digits. Duenas had 17, Esdrelon chipped in 16, and Rabasto and Erick Dela Rosa contributed 14 and 10, respectively.

Alex Lauron led Joeten with his 24 points, while De Leon

tallied 22, but failed to nail his outside shots in the second and third quarters after a strong first period, allowing Shirley's to enter the fourth canto with a 75-54 advantage.

In the first semis game, MBI/Anchor converted clutch free throws to escape with the 5-point win.

MBI/Anchor scored its last 5 markers from the 15-foot line with Art Trajano and White Capalad drilling a pair and Ivan Devero making a split.

Devero paced MBI/Anchor with his 25 points, 10 of them came in the fourth quarter, which started with PSS slightly ahead, 46-41. PSS eventually

lost the driver's seat and the important game, as it committed several fouls and MBI/Anchor turned them into points. MBI/Anchor recorded 12 of their 28 points in the fourth period from the stripe.

Mel Manibusan led PSS' losing cause, firing 23 points, while Waltez Mendez and Jerry Diaz scattered 14 and 10, respectively. PSS played without its main gunner Preston Basa, who was nursing a foot injury he sustained during their elimination game against McDonal's last month.

### First Game

**MBI/Anchor 69** – Devero

short that scoring run with a cold-blooded 3-pointer that triggered another barrage of points for the Feds for a 44-30 spread at the turn.

It was cruise control for the Feds from thereon, as Gamboa and Juan Camacho alternated in the third to thwart every NMSA comeback try. Gamboa was a one-man scoring machine for the Feds with his game-high 39 points, while Apelo added 20, and Camacho chipped in 12 markers.

McCain only scored 8 markers but had a field day inside the paint with his 17 rebounds, 5 blocks, and 3 assists. Winkfield paced NMSA's losing cause with 13 points, 5 rebounds, 2 steals, 1 assist and 1 block, while Peter Camacho finished with 12 markers, 8 boards, and 2 feeds.

Elias Rangamar and Teresa Sablan combined for 20 points while Mike Babauta, despite being held to 4 markers, grabbed a team-high 9 rebounds.

Earlier, Customs used a barrage of 3-pointers to pummel DCCA, 86-62, and improve its record to 4-2.

Customs tallied 10 3-pointers with Leo Galarse draining four and Don Brennan hitting three. Brennan ended the game with 21 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, and 4 steals, while Galarse tallied 17 markers, 4 caroms, and 4 feeds and stole the ball 3 times. Kelvin Fitial muscled his way inside the paint to add 17 points, 9 rebounds, 2 assists and 2 steals.

Perry Inos top-scored for DCCA with 17 points and 12 rebounds, while Tim Wesley had 12 markers, 8 boards, 3 assists,

25, Fernando 13, Capalad 12, Lizama 6, Trajano 4, Viola 2, Zapanta 2.

**PSS 64** – Manibusan 23, Mendez 12, Diaz 10, Villacrusis 7, Itibus 4, Villagomez 4, Coldeen 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 14-10, 25-30, 41-46, 69-64.

### Second Game

**Shirley's 91** – Pagarao 19, Duenas 17, Esdrelon 16, Rabasto 14, Dela Rosa 10, Manibusan 4, Usi 2, Drilon 2.

**Joeten 82** – Lauron 24, De Leon 22, Teregeyo 9, Kwon 9, Sambile 5, Tobias 7, Jas. Sablan 2, Borja 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 30-22,

2 steals, and 1 block.

### First Game

**Customs 86** – Brennan 21, Galarse 17, Fitial 17, Teregeyo 7, Cepeda 6, Saralu 6, L. Reyes 5, Sablan 3, Pangelinan 2.

**DCCA 62** – Inos 17, Wesley 12, Pangelinan 9, L. Deleon Guerrero 8, Ito 6, Manabat 6, Jayson 4.

**Scoring by quarters:** 17-21, 47-38, 63-49, 86-62.

### Second Game

**Feds 87** – Gamboa 39, Apelo 20, Camacho 12, McCain 8, Deleon Guerrero 3, Ogarto 3, Paras 2.

**NMSA 56** – Winkfield 13, Camacho 12, Rangamar 10, Sablan 10, Babauta 4, Camacho 4, Iginoef 3.

**Scoring by quarters:** 22-11, 44-30, 68-41, 87-56.

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### NBA STANDINGS

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

##### Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	6	1	.857	—
Brooklyn	4	2	.667	1½
Boston	3	3	.500	2½
New York	2	6	.250	4½
Philadelphia	0	7	.000	6

##### Southeast Division

Miami	5	2	.714	—
Washington	5	2	.714	—
Atlanta	3	3	.500	1½
Charlotte	3	4	.429	2
Orlando	2	5	.286	3

##### Central Division

Chicago	6	2	.750	—
Cleveland	3	3	.500	2
Milwaukee	3	4	.429	2½
Detroit	2	5	.286	3½
Indiana	2	6	.250	4

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

##### Southwest Division

Memphis	6	1	.857	—
Houston	6	1	.857	—
Dallas	4	3	.571	2
New Orleans	3	3	.500	2½
San Antonio	3	3	.500	2½

##### Northwest Division

Portland	4	3	.571	—
Utah	3	5	.375	1½
Minnesota	2	4	.333	1½
Oklahoma City	2	5	.286	2
Denver	1	5	.167	2½

##### Pacific Division

Golden State	5	1	.833	—
Sacramento	5	2	.714	½
Phoenix	4	3	.571	1½
L.A. Clippers	4	3	.571	1½
L.A. Lakers	1	5	.167	4

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6 straight points for a 9-0 count. NMSA had a difficult time penetrating and scoring inside with the 6'9" Ken McCain patrolling the middle for the Feds. NMSA was held without a field goal for almost four minutes before Jacoby Winkfield ended the drought in the 6:32 mark of the opening period.

Apelo, on the other hand, continued with his hot shooting and sparked a 13-9 exchange to give the Feds its first taste of several double-digit leads.

NMSA, behind Winkfield and Peter Camacho, had a mini 13-6 spurt to trim the deficit to 4, 24-28, with 3:47 to go in the second. Apelo, however, cut

est in joining the 2016 event.

"We're still trying to convince Yap to join. But now, we're already looking for sponsors to help us in organizing this baseball event," said Rogolifoi.

He said that they decided to call it the Micronesian Baseball Classic for name recall just like the World Baseball Classic.

Being the host country and one of the powerhouse squads in the Micronesian and Pacific regions, the CNMI is expected to be among the favorites in the inaugural tournament. The Commonwealth won the gold in the 2006 Micro Games on Saipan and in the 2011 Pacific Games in New Caledonia. The CNMI defeated Guam in the battle for the gold medal in 2006, 3-2, and five years later scored an 8-4 win over host New Caledonia in the Pacific Games. The Commonwealth sluggers, however, lost twice in the gold medal match in the Micro Games, dropping a 3-7 decision to Palau in 2010 and suffering a 6-14 setback against Guam in this year's edition of the quadrennial event in Pohnpei.

# PIC Road Race

PHOTOS BY JON PEREZ



Guam's Paul Cruz heads to the finish line of last Saturday's PIC Road Race in San Antonio.



Margaret Rose nears the finish line in the 10K race.



Paul Long nears completion of the 10K course.



Terra Allen is on her way to a second place finish in the female 30-39 age group.



Rachel Epperson keeps her pace in the relay race. She was the second runner on the mixed team composed of Kaity Mattos, William Schroeder and Steven Beyer.



Haruya Eda sprints towards the finish line in the 10K race.



Joshua Berger is on his way to a second place finish behind Steven Pixley in the 10K race of the male 60-69 age group. Berger clocked in at 56:14.



Suzy Kindel adjusts her race bib as she nears the finish line in front of PIC.



Erica Sanford finishes third in the female 30-39 division of the 10K race with at time of 1:07:54.



Michael Catacutan slows down as he nears the finish line.

Eagles get 9 sacks to beat Panthers

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LeBron's triple-double leads Cavs past Pelicans

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## Shirley's, MBI set finals duel

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Shirley's Coffee Shop and Micronesian Brokers, Inc. arranged a finals date in the 2014 JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League after eliminating separate foes last Monday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

MBI/Anchor clinched the first finals berth after pulling off a come-from-behind 69-64 win over Public School System, while Shirley's booked the last championship ticket, following a 91-82 triumph against Joeten. MBI/Anchor and Shirley's begin their best-of-three title

showdown tonight at 7pm.

Shirley's advanced to the finals and extended its winning run in the league to nine after withstanding Joeten's fourth-quarter fightback.

Joeten fell behind by as much as 25 points, 60-85, with 6:16 left in the fourth, but threatened



Shirley's, bringing the deficit down to single digit, 79-87. Joeten launched a 19-2 run to remain in contention, holding Shirley's scoreless for about four minutes before Lerio Pagarao ended the latter's silence with a point-blanked shot off Sean Rabasto's feed.

Kevin De Leon, Alex Lauron, and Syl Teregeyo teamed up in that Joeten rally with the latter capping the run with an offensive rebound off the former's miss free throw and making the putback, while drawing foul on Shirley's Vince Manibusan. Teregeyo muffed the bonus shot, but Joeten got another chance to move closer when Vince Manibusan failed to bring Shirley's lead back to double digit after missing both charities. However, Teregeyo was too deep under the basket when he received the past from De Leon on a fastbreak play and lost the leather.

Shirley's regained possession and sealed the win after making four free throws and milking the clock, which was then

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
Shirley's Coffee Shop's Matt Duenas unloads a baseline jumper against Joeten's Alex Lauron during their semis game in the JP World caging last Monday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.



## Feds ends NMSA win streak

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The Feds banked on Romeo Gamboa and Leo Apelo's game-long brilliance to hand Northern Marianas Sports Association its first loss, 87-56, in the 2014 IT&E-DYS Inter-Government Basketball League last Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Gamboa and Apelo com-

bined for 59 points, which is more than half of the Feds' total output to snap NMSA's five-game winning streak.

It was the second straight triumph for the Feds after suffering a 65-71 loss to Department of Community and Cultural Affairs last month and it tied NMSA on top of the standings with their similar 5-1 slates.

The Feds got off to a hot start with Apelo scoring

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JON PEREZ

The Feds' Haejun Park tries to power his way past the defense of NMSA's Mike Babauta during their game in the IT&E-DYS inter-government caging last Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



The Saipan Baseball League will have its hands full in the coming months as it prepares to host the inaugural Micronesian Baseball Classic in 2016.

The tournament, a brainchild of SBL league coordinator and Northern Marianas Sports Association executive director Tony Rogolifo, is a biennial event with hosting rights rotating among the members of the Micronesian region.

"I brought up the idea during a meeting in this year's Micronesian Games in Pohnpei last

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## NMI to host 1st regional baseball

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A CNMI pitcher delivers a pitch during a game against host Pohnpei in the 2014 Micronesian Games. The region's baseball players will gather anew in 2016 when the CNMI hosts the Micronesian Baseball Classic.

